

The Secrets of Dust Revealed!

Dust is everywhere and a fact of life, but here are some other facts that may surprise you:

- A specific dust mix in a household depends on the climate, age of home, and the number of people who live in it and their habits (i.e, cooking, smoking, etc.)
- Dust is comprised of various degrees of human skin, decomposing insects, food debris, tracked in soil and organic fibers.
- About 60% of household dust comes from outside through windows, vents, and what you track in with your shoes.

While there is no need to be alarmed -- dust is not an immediate health risk -- you should be aware that regular cleanings and dusting will help keep your air healthy and fresh!

Wondering where the annual tradition of Spring Cleaning came from? It dates back to the days when homes were heated by fireplaces and kerosene heaters. So, when Spring time came around homes were covered with black soot and grime. Yuck! So, homeowners would take several days in early Spring to clean every nook, cranny, and surface of their home. In modern times we may not need to clean the soot from our homes, but we still need to air out and freshen our surroundings on a yearly basis.

Get rid of musty smells in clothes...

Do your sweaters have a musty smell? Here is a quick tip to get rid of the odor:

- Fill your bathtub with hot, steamy water
- Add one cup of distilled white vinegar
- Hang your affected clothes on plastic hangers and place them along the curtain rod (or conveniently above the steamy water)
- Close the bathroom door to allow the steam to penetrate the fibers overnight.