



# FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Winning the war against dirt • grime • stains • frays • odors • filth • spills • mud • tracks • floods • leaks • mold • allergies • mites

## How to Keep Dust *Out!*

It's one of the most frustrating things... moving an item on a bookshelf only to see a clear outline of where something was sitting. Or how about moving a piece of furniture and discovering a herd of "dust bunnies" has taken up residence.

Dust happens to everyone, even those who attempt to keep their homes spotless. While you can't keep every last speck of dust out, you can greatly reduce the amount of dust that finds its way into your home.

Here are just a few ways to create a healthier (and more dust-free) home.

**Run the HVAC:** While you may enjoy having open windows when the weather is nice, using your heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system is actually better for keeping dust out. As long as you make sure your filters are changed on a regular basis.

**Door mats:** While dust can become airborne, most soil comes into the home from shoes. Having quality door mats to catch the dirt means less build-up of soil and debris in the home, reducing dust particles as well. Leaving shoes *on* the door mats or at the door is another smart idea.

**Cleaning:** Yes, you clean on a regular basis, but some extra effort with the details will help keep the dust out. When dusting tables, desks, bookshelves and other surfaces, use microfiber cloths to better grab the dust. When sweeping the hard floors, follow up with a damp mopping. It will really grab the dust sticking to the floor. Be sure to vacuum not only the top of your area rugs, but also turn them over and vacuum the backs. And for your wall-to-wall carpet, vacuum several times a week, especially in high traffic areas and entryways.

For cleaner homes, call your cleaning pro!



THE PREVIOUS OWNER OF  
YOUR RUG KNEW HOW TO  
KEEP THE DUST OFF.  
**SHAKE IT!**



Rugs are notorious dust collectors. Experts say to give your rug a good shaking every 3 to 4 months to keep down dust and allergens.

THEN ROUTINELY CALL US FOR A PROFESSIONAL  
CLEANING OF ALL YOUR FLOORS AND FURNISHINGS FOR  
MAXIMUM FRESHNESS AND A HEALTHY HOME.

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## Discarding Moldy Stuff

Do you know what the EPA says about discarding moldy materials?

It's not as easy as just tossing them into the trash can, which is what some homeowners might be tempted to do when they try out some "do-it-yourself" mold work.

Building materials and furnishings that are contaminated with mold growth and are not salvageable should be double-bagged using 6-mil polyethylene sheeting, the EPA states. These materials can then usually be discarded as ordinary construction waste.