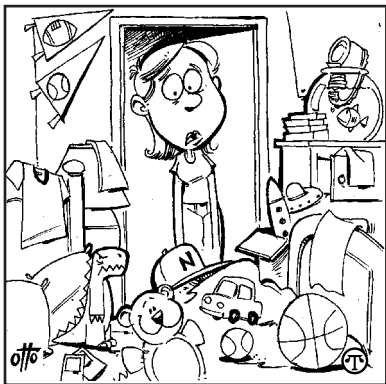


Pointers For Parents Keeping Your Kids Clean

(NAPSA)—Children have a way of creating that “just hit by a tornado” look in your home—but it doesn’t have to be that way. The experts at Merry Maids offer these tips for keeping kids’ rooms more organized without causing a lot of extra work:



Your child's bedroom doesn't have to be a disaster area.

- **Make organization fun**—Label boxes, baskets, milk crates, etc., to teach kids how to sort toys and keep them off the floor. Let the kids decorate the containers so they'll be personal and fun.

- **Cleaning time**—Set a short period of time each day or each week that kids have to straighten up their room. Make a game out of it with a timer and give rewards for a job well done.

- **Clear it out**—Get kids to go through their toys periodically and pick out things they don't play with anymore. Pack them up and donate them to less-fortunate children.

- **Give assignments**—Assign specific chores and set a limit on when each chore has to be done.

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