

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Keep It Neat This Season

(NAPSA)—When the kids are out of school, chances are your neat home will need a bit of tidying after they are finished with it! Cleaning up after kids can be quite a chore, but with these quick easy steps, it doesn't have to be unbearable.

Get out in the sun! With the warm weather months here, it's time to get outdoors! Kids need space to move, so send them outside for the majority of the day. After a long day playing in the mud, have them remove their shoes before coming into the house. Going swimming? Be sure to get all wet bathing suits and towels to dry in the yard before they end up on your floor. This will keep most of the mess outside.

Assign summer duties. Just because they aren't in school, that doesn't mean they shouldn't have responsibilities. Assign various age-appropriate chores for kids to do while they are at home. Teaching kids necessary home care tasks will foster responsibility. And remember to make it fun! Play music to get them in the mood, make it a game and give them each a fun cleaning product appropriate for their tasks. O-Cel-O sponge scrubbers with fun designs from 3M are great for kids. The daisy designs help make cleaning fun and the various scrubber strengths will help keep your surfaces safe.

Contain the mess. Designate a play area just for them. Use a spare room or even the kids' bedrooms as the place for all the fun. Allow them to assist in decorating



When kids are home, encourage them to clean up after themselves—and have fun while they do it.

the room and have toys and arts-and-crafts projects available to them. By providing kids with an exclusive space, you will have a clean house, a contained mess and happy kids.

Oops! Kids and accidents go hand in hand and messes can happen quickly. Be sure to have “spill control” products available all over the house, within a hand's reach for future accidents. O-Cel-O sponge scrubbers with fun designs are an excellent choice. Since the sponges have fun, attractive designs, you can leave one in each room without worry.

This summertime, the cleaning is easy—especially when you have little helpers. With a few handy cleaning products and these helpful tips, mess-control can become second nature for both you and your kids.