

Hints For The Home

Tried-And-True Household Tricks Often Work Best

(NAPSA)—Cars are parallel parking themselves, digital picture frames practically hold short films and living rooms are vacuumed by robots. Still, the whole world hasn't gone high tech.

In fact, when it comes to dealing with many of life's more mundane housekeeping tasks—removing discoloration from glassware, say—lifestyle expert Sissy Biggers says the old-fashioned methods are best.

“High-tech solutions are great, but it's the tried-and-true household tricks that have stood the test of time,” says Biggers, the creator and host of “A Big Life With Sissy Biggers” on msn.com.

Her answer to the discoloration problem, by the way? Soaking them in white vinegar and salt. Here's a look at some of Biggers' other favorites:

Chilling Wine

Use a cold compress from the freezer to preserve the chill on a bottle of wine. Just wrap it around the bottle, secure it with a rubber band, and drape the bottle with an attractive towel if you're entertaining.

Protecting Boots

It may sound odd, but after you drink the wine, put the empty bottles in your boots. They'll help them keep their shape—without stretching them out—and keep your closet looking organized.

Dryer Sheets

Biggers says there's a good reason that nearly 39 percent of us use dryer sheets for other purposes.

“The sheets are completely versatile,” she explains. “You can put



Lifestyle expert Sissy Biggers says there are dozens of household uses for dryer sheets.

a Bounce sheet in your shoes or in your closet to keep them smelling nice. Or if you're hitting the gym, you can throw a sheet in your bag to keep it from smelling like the locker room.”

There's even a Web site—www.bounceeverywhere.com—that lists dozens of different uses for the sheets. Those who visit the site and share their unique uses for dryer sheets could have their story made into an advertisement. And in tribute to looking clean and smelling fresh, every week one lucky Bounce user will be selected to receive a month of free cleaning service for their home.

Storing Earrings

As a final tip, Biggers says there's an easy way to keep from misplacing earrings: Loop them through buttonholes. That way you'll know exactly where to find them, whether at home or while traveling.

For more tips and ideas, visit www.bounceeverywhere.com.