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No excuse to skip cleaning

More products are on the market to help you.

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With the first day of spring about a month away, it's time to go through the house to see what needs cleaning, dusting and updating.

To help you get started, here are some new household cleaning products coming out on the market.

Clorox last month introduced a new line of natural cleaning products called Green Works. According to the manufacturer's Web site, the cleaners are "at least 99% natural and made from ingredients derived from coconuts and lemon oil. The products are formulated to be biodegradable, non-allergenic, packaged in bottles that can be recycled, and not tested on animals."

The new line has five products for the home: Green Works Natural All-Purpose Cleaner, Green Works Natural Glass & Surface Cleaner, Green Works Natural Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Green Works Natural Dilutable Cleaner, and Green Works Natural Bathroom Cleaner. Costs range from \$2.99 to \$3.39.

Formula 409 is celebrating its 50th year this year. It also came out with a new natural stone cleaner that can be used on granite, marble, travertine, slate and other natural stone surfaces. The product, available next month, is not acidic or abrasive, is ammonia-free and has a lemon scent. Cost is \$2.98.

If you're a fan of Mr. Clean and Febreze, you'll be delighted to know you can now get Mr. Clean with Febreze Fresh Scents. The product is available in liquid form and sprays in two scents: Meadows & Rain, and Lavender Vanilla & Comfort. Cost is \$2.19 to \$2.99. The Magic Eraser also is available in two scents: Meadows & Rain, and Citrus & Light. Cost is \$2.99 for a pack of two erasers.

Fresh Wave, a line of natural products designed to eliminate odors, came out with a new line this year called Fresh Wave Pets. It includes the All-Purpose Cleaning Additive, a liquid deodorizer that can be added to the laundry when washing pet items with bad smells or in a steam cleaner for removing odors from carpets. It's not meant to be used in place of soaps and detergents. Cost is \$19.80 for a 32-ounce container.

With the cold and flu season in full swing, are you wishing you could have your Lysol can at the palm of your hand? Well, it'll be easier to do that now with the new Lysol Disinfectant Spray to Go. The new 1-ounce can fit in a glove compartment, purse or coat pocket. Cost is \$2.99 at Wal-Mart stores.