

Good ideas here

3-Ring Notebook. Keep important papers secure between heavy duty protectors in a plastic 3-ring notebook. Car titles, social security cards, health records and more can be located quickly. Everyone knows to grab Mom's notebook if there is an emergency. Susan, Homestead, FL

Child-sized Cold Packs Cotton Balls soaked in water and stored in a plastic sandwich bag in the freezer make perfect "ice packs" for little bumps and bruises. The right size, and readily available. Jane, Minneapolis, MN

Lunch Quick Wipe Fold a SCOTT paper towel into fourths, add an ice cube, seal into a plastic sandwich bag, add to your lunch bag. Ice keeps food cool, then melts. The moistened towel is a quick, easy lunch clean up. Toss lunch debris into the plastic bag before discarding. Daphne, Portland, OR

Keep Ants Away! If you see ants coming in your house grab some baby powder. Put it all around the places they can come in the doors, windows. They will not cross the line and they just go away. And it is safe to use around kids and leaves a nice smell. Laura, San Diego, CA

Bed Sheets After drying my sheets, I put both sheets and one pillowcase in the other pillow case. Fold neatly in a square. Next time I change sheets, I just take the one pillow case and all the sheets and pillow case are inside. No need to look for matches. Lois, San Antonio, TX

Clean your glass shower To clean the glass in your shower easily, apply lemon juice to the glass with a sponge. Then, take newspaper and wipe the lemon juice off the glass. It will be clean and sparkle with no scrubbing! Kat, High Point, NC

Reheat Pizza Heat up leftover pizza in a non-stick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. I saw this on the cooking channel and it really works. Mona, Orlando, FL

Easy Deviled Eggs Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up. Janet, Killeen, TX

Expanding Frosting When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar/calories per serving. Kathy, Mesick, MI

Reheating refrigerated bread To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster. Dave, Camden, DE

Newspaper weeds away Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers. Linda, Monmouth Jct., NJ

Broken Glass

Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little broken glass pieces of glass- the fibers catch ones you can't see! Olive, Santee, CA

No More Mosquitoes Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away. Diane, Moran, SC

Squirrel Away! To keep squirrels from eating your plants sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it. Kathy, Maumelle, AR

Easier thank you's When you throw a bridal/baby shower, buy a pack of thank you cards for the guest of honor. During the party, pass out the envelopes and have everyone put their address on one. When the bride/new mom sends the thank you's, they're all addressed! Jessica, Saint Johns, MI

Bike ID: If you purchase a new bike for your child, place their picture inside the handle bar before placing the grips on. If the bike is stolen and later recovered, remove the grip and there is your proof who owns the bike. Janet, Carthage, IL

Flexible vacuum.

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings. Donna, Anderson, SC

Reducing Static Cling - Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and - voila - static is gone. Pam, Maple Rapids, NH

Measuring Cups - Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill it with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry the cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out. Kim, Goldsboro, NC

Foggy Windshield - Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth! Alicia, Tampa, FL

Reopening envelope If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Voila! It unseals easily. Mary, Lockhart, TX

Conditioner Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's a lot cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair...Kerry, Canada,

Goodbye Fruit Flies To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass fill it 1/2" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dishwashing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever! Barbra, Birch Run, MI

Get Rid of Ants Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home," & can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, esp. if it rains, but it works & you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed! Teresa, Mitchell, SD

Sand Away: Take baby powder to the beach Keep a small bottle of baby powder in your beach bag. When your ready to leave the beach sprinkle yourself and kids with the powder and the sand will slide right off your skin. Theresa, East Haven, CT