

**'Put your money where my mouth is'**

At church one beautiful Sunday morning, the minister stepped to the pulpit to begin his sermon.

"My friends, let me just say that I've got three different sermons today I could deliver. The \$100 sermon lasts about 15 minutes. I've got a \$50 sermon that runs half an hour.

"The \$10 goes on for a full hour.

"Now let's pass the collection plate to see which one I should deliver."

**What money can't buy**

A very rich investor was bragging to a well-off author at a cocktail party: "You know, I made more money on one investment last month than you've made with all your best-sellers. I'll probably make more money this year than you'll make in your entire life. What do you think of that?"

The author replied, "That may be true, but I have one thing you'll never have."

"What's that?"

"Enough."

**Testimonial**

"Hey guys. I don't normally send out "free advertising" for anyone, but I wanted to share my experience w/ a company in town called "Two Maids and A Mop." They just did a deep clean at my house and were amazing! Gary and I have used different individuals/companies at different times through the years, but NEVER had anyone clean like they did! They did every baseboard, ceiling fan, blind, etc...put new sheets on all the beds, cleaned the oven, scrubbed the walls, even did my dishes! They cleaned under the kids beds and even organized our changing table! They were here for 5 1/2 hours and never stopped! You may want to call them if you need a good "deep clean" once a year, or need something on a more regular basis. Ron is the owner and is a super nice guy. I know most of us busy Mom's need an occasional extra helping hand with our work around the house! (Maybe you could drop a hint to your husbands with Christmas coming up!)"  
-Laney G. from Milton, FL

# MILLER TIME

A Monthly Newsletter To Inform And Entertain Our Customers

My Dad wanted to me to remind each of you about a special club called Cleaning For A Reason. I'm not sure if you know what Cleaning For A Reason is so let me explain what it is and how it works. My Dad's company, Two Maids & A Mop, partners with a national non-profit foundation called Cleaning For A Reason to provide free housecleaning services to female patients undergoing cancer treatment. It's a wonderful treat for anyone that is experiencing the pains of treatment or recovery of cancer. My Dad's father recently underwent successful stomach cancer surgery - so we know first hand how your personal life can be put on hold while a family member is fighting cancer. Here's what one recent Cleaning For A Reason patient had to say about the service....

*"I am a single mother of two young children, ages 8 and 11. My recent diagnosis of cancer and the upcoming chemo and radiation was a devastating blow to all three of us. One of my main concerns was how I would continue to be the type of mom I've always been, and have the energy to maintain all the other issues of being a homeowner. I've had friends step forward and offer to do my spring gardening, bring/purchase meals, mowing/trimming/fertilizer but I knew I just couldn't possibly keep up with the cleaning. And then my friend John told me about you;*



*what a Godsend! Truly, you are a blessing to the many women who are dealing with just these same issues. This organization is a wonderful gift to those of us who struggle just to make it through each day, and still have the energy to be the best possible Momma we can be. God bless you all!!"*

To learn more about how you can receive up to four free housecleanings, please visit [www.cleaningforareason.org](http://www.cleaningforareason.org) or just call your local Two Maids & A Mop office. The process is very quick and you can begin receiving the free cleanings in just a few short days after you sign up for the service.

**Thawing a Turkey**

The best advice for thawing a turkey is "Think ahead." The safest way to thaw your holiday bird is in the refrigerator -- and that takes time. A frozen turkey thaws from the outside in. As the surface warms, bacteria multiply. In the time that it takes for the inside to thaw, surface bacteria could multiply to dangerously high levels and cooking alone cannot be relied upon to destroy it. The United States Department of Agriculture recommends thawing the turkey in its original wrapper in the refrigerator for about 24 hours per five pounds of turkey. After it thaws, keep the turkey in the refrigerator for no more than two days before cooking. Or follow these guidelines as you count down to the holiday:

- 8 - 12 lbs. 1-2 days
- 12 - 16 lbs. 2-3 days
- 16 - 20 lbs. 3-4 days
- 20 - 24 lbs. 4-5 days



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## Cleaning Tips



### How To Clean Grout In Your Tile Floor

Few home improvement projects transform the appearance of your kitchens and baths quicker than cleaning discolored grout. Usually a good scrubbing is all you'll need to do to eliminate grout discoloring, though you may also need to remove and replace cracked and damaged areas, depending on the current state of the grout in your kitchen or bath.

#### Fight Grout Discoloring from Day One

Of course, the easiest method of grout cleaning starts the day your tile is installed. If you are diligent about cleaning your tile floors and other surfaces, and are meticulous about wiping out the grout as often as you clean your tile, it's going to be a long time before you see any discolored grout in the first place. Most grout discoloring is caused by oil, food and dirt particles that are left in the grout, then ground into the surface over time. If they never get a chance to get set in the first place, you'll be admiring your shining, clean grout for years before you need to take action. On the flip side, it's easy to let grout cleaning slide, and often problems build up without us noticing until it's too late. In these cases, it's time to set aside an afternoon to send that discolored grout packing.

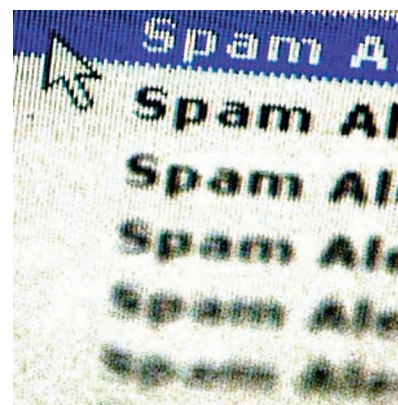
#### Grout Cleaning 101

Discolored grout is stubborn stuff, so be ready to get your hands dirty. For basic grout cleaning, your best bet is to find a strong degreaser and a stiff nylon brush (many people recommend toothbrushes for this dirty work). Apply the degreaser, let it sit, and then get to work scrubbing with brush. Most stains, oils, food particles, mold, and mildew, will be removed by this simple process. You can also use bleach-based cleaners, vinegar, and baking soda solutions, if you prefer something with a less chemical make-up, though none are as proven as a good degreaser. Never use oil-based soaps to clean grout, even for regular cleanings, since the wax in them will build up and stain the grout over time. If you simply can't get the grout clean, you can use a steam cleaner to help. The steam brings stains up out of the grout, where they can then be easily wiped away.

## How to snuff out spam

Whether you are watching television, listening to the radio or going to the movies, you can't avoid advertisements. And so it is with the Internet now. Unwanted cyberads, known as spam, are here to stay. But there are things you can do to minimize the amount of spam you get. The following is a list of ways to keep spam from clogging up your e-mail

1. Set up a separate e-mail account for spam. Whenever you sign up for mailing lists and newsgroups or shop online, use this second account address. Then most spam will go there and not to your other accounts, which you should use for personal and work communications only. Web-based e-mail accounts, like Hotmail, are free, so you don't need to worry about incurring extra costs when you establish a spam-only account.
2. Try "munging" whenever you fill out online registration forms. Munging means altering your real e-mail address so it won't end up on some advertiser's mailing list. Look at customer satisfaction. Conduct your own customer satisfaction survey by asking those who use the service.
3. Delete and don't reply to spam even to request that the sender stop spamming your account. A reply lets the sender know your account is active and may result in even more spam. Some spam contain Web bugs that let the sender know you've opened it, so it's better to just delete all unsolicited messages.
4. Remove your name and e-mail account from Internet directory databases. Check periodically to see that your personal information remains unlisted.
5. Change your e-mail address about every six months if the spam is getting out of control.



#### ***If You've Never Hired Us Before.....***

*We'll give you a \$75 TwoMaid's Gift Card if you're one of the first three people to schedule a free in-home estimate. Just call your local office to set up the in-home estimate.*

#### ***And If You Already Hire Us.....***

*We'll give you one FREE Deep Cleaning if one of your neighbors or friends calls today to schedule either weekly or biweekly service. Now go knock on their door and tell'em to call us.*

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