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These products can make your life easier

Here are some new products you don't know about, but should.

Propane yard tools

Lehr (www.golehr.com) just came out with a "why didn't I think of that" line of outdoor power yard tools. They developed a first-ever line of propane powered lawn and garden equipment.



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Currently the line consists of its Eco Trimmer, Eco Blower and gas-free mower. There are no cords to untangle or damage. No gasoline to mix or store. Propane is environmentally friendly. The manufacturer claims it creates up to 70 percent less smog-producing carbons and 96 percent fewer toxins than gasoline.

Lehr garden equipment uses easy to find 16.4-ounce propane canisters that are available everywhere. You just twist it onto the unit and start it up. A propane bottle ran my test unit over 2.5 hours without replacing it.

Look for Lehr's product line at Home Depot, Ace Hardware, True Value Hardware, Meijer and Sears (under the Craftsman label). The MSRP is \$199.

Shark steam mop

I don't like housework. I'm sure I am not alone in that sentiment. Anything I can do or use to make cleaning easier, faster and over with is just what I am looking for. That's where the Shark Steam Pocket Mop comes in handy.

It is a steam-cleaning mop that cleans and sanitizes simultaneously without chemicals. The double-sided mop head's steam really loosens stuck on dirt and lifts it right up. The mop head also swivels to get

into tight spaces.

My wife and I have used the Shark Steam Pocket Mop on tile, linoleum and even our wood floors with great results. It is safe to use on all floors with the exception of unsealed wood or unglazed ceramic floors.

The mop's chamber holds up to two pints of ordinary tap water, which pumps out enough steam to clean up to 2,000-square-feet of floors. It comes with a few different mop heads and pads that can be changed simply. The pads are reusable and machine washable.

The Shark Euro Pro has a suggested retail price of \$119.99, but I recently saw it at Costco for \$80. You can also check it out their Web site www.sharksteampocket.com. **Signature Cleaning Polish and Conditioner**

This by all means is not a new product. Signature cleaning polish and conditioner has been around since 1926.

One of the reasons I've included it in this article is you've never heard of it. It's not a local product or even sold locally. You can only purchase it directly from the manufacturer.

The other reason it's included is because it works great! It cleans and polishes stainless steel so well it is recommended by Sub-Zero and Wolf.

The product was originally made for wood, but is one of those multi-cleaners that save us time, energy and money. "Signature" cleans without soap, water or scrubbing. It contains no abrasives or acids that could damage what you're cleaning and trying to protect.

The manufacturer, Signature Ltd. Lab., is from the Buckeye State. In spite of that, I think you can believe their claim that it can be used to maintain and protect paint, varnish, lacquer,

Formica, stainless, aluminum, fiberglass, wood and metal blinds, leather, vinyl plus a whole lot more. My wife and I have used it with great results on our stainless appliances, barbecue, our cars and boat.

You can get more information by visiting their Web site at www.signaturepolishonline.com or call their toll free number 877-376-5474. The cost is \$19.00 per pint bottle plus shipping and handling. There is a two-bottle minimum. **Minimate from HealthQuest Technologies, LLC**

The Minimate from HealthQuest Technologies, LLC, is a refrigerator deodorizer and then some. It is about the size of a box of baking soda and uses four D batteries, which last approximately four to six months. The FDA approves this for residential use.

This unit is remarkable in what it does. It kills bacteria, mold and viruses and helps to prevent their return within your refrigerator. At the same time, the food lasts a lot longer. My fruits, vegetables and leftovers are all staying fresher for a longer period of time than they would without the Minimate. Even up to four times longer.

The Minimate produces activated oxygen or ozone to prolong the shelf life of perishables. There are no filters to change or maintenance needed other than replacing the batteries periodically.

Minimate is available at www.sales@pionair.net or by calling (866) PIONAIR. You can visit their Web site for more information at www.pionair.net.

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