

A new spin on keeping cool

Getting a break from the heat without breaking the bank can be challenging; however, resourceful homeowners have found a new solution: the ceiling fan. New innovations and custom finishes make ceiling fans a great option for both style and comfort.

"When the air is being circulated it feels several degrees cooler," says Ian Cleghorn, energy expert from The Home Depot Canada. "This means that homeowners can lower the temperature on their thermostats by a couple of degrees without compromising on comfort." Whisper quiet fans and options like multiple speed settings and remote control operation make ceiling fans the perfect option for almost any room.

"Cool" Facts:

- Without a light, ceiling fans only use as much energy as a 100 watt bulb.
- Ceiling fans can reduce cooling costs by as much as 30 per cent.
- Ceiling fans still work in the winter. Configure the blades counterclockwise in the summer and clockwise in the winter.

With ceiling fans available to suit the décor of any home, no matter how large or small, it's worth exploring ceiling fans as an attractive alternative to portable fans and air conditioning units.

Visit www.homedepot.ca or The Home Depot in your community for more information and to learn how to install a ceiling fan in your home.

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Integrated Pest Management It's just not just for pros

When it comes to pests, professionals know the value of an integrated approach to pest management. Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, works for home gardeners as well. These practical tips for prevention, examination of the problem and a range of alternatives can help you better manage your pest problems.

Prevention is the first step in pest control—and that translates into good housekeeping:

- Eliminate wet areas that provide pests with water, such as leaky pipes, damp basement areas and standing water.
- Keep food containers closed, including those containing pet food.
- Dispose of garbage regularly.
- Seal cracks and crevices to keep pests outside the house.
- Remove crumbs and food residues from counter tops and furniture.
- Clean floors of food and liquid spills.

When Choosing Pest Control Products

Pest control products serve a useful purpose, protecting us from pests that spread disease, cause injury, and damage plants. Before choosing a product, homeowners should be encouraged to ask themselves the following questions:

1. Is my pest really a problem, or can I live with it? If you do think you have what could be an infestation on your hands, consider your options.
2. Can I remove the problem by hand or tool? Would a barrier or alternative planting solve my problem?
3. What products are available for me to choose from?

Leave yourself time to read labels when you get to the store, and make sure you pick the right product for the task at hand. When choosing products, always:

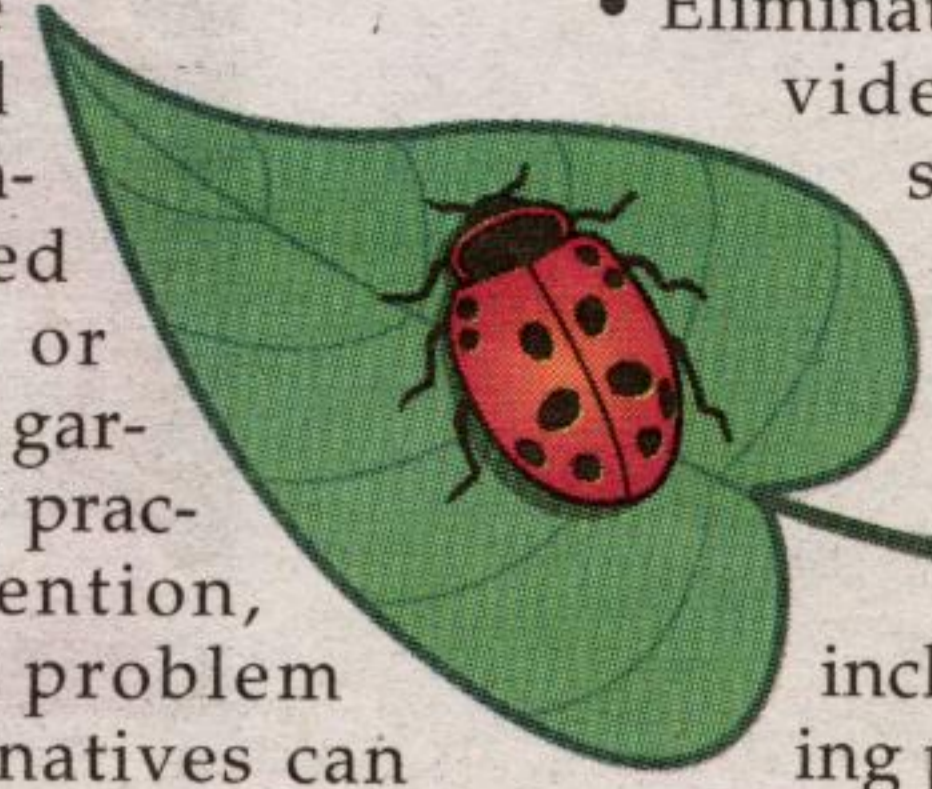
- Read labels before purchasing to ensure you are choosing a product made to address your pest problem.
- Speak with store staff or call the toll free information numbers noted on the package label for additional information.
- Carefully follow all label instructions.
- Use only what you need. Rinse sprayers and containers and apply the rinse water to the target site.
- Follow disposal directions and wash hands when the job is finished.

Safety in the System

Whether made from organic or synthetic ingredients, all pest control products must be tested and registered with Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency before they are allowed in Canada.

If you have questions about how to solve your pest problem, visit www.healthylawns.net, www.greencross.com or ask your favourite lawn and garden specialist.

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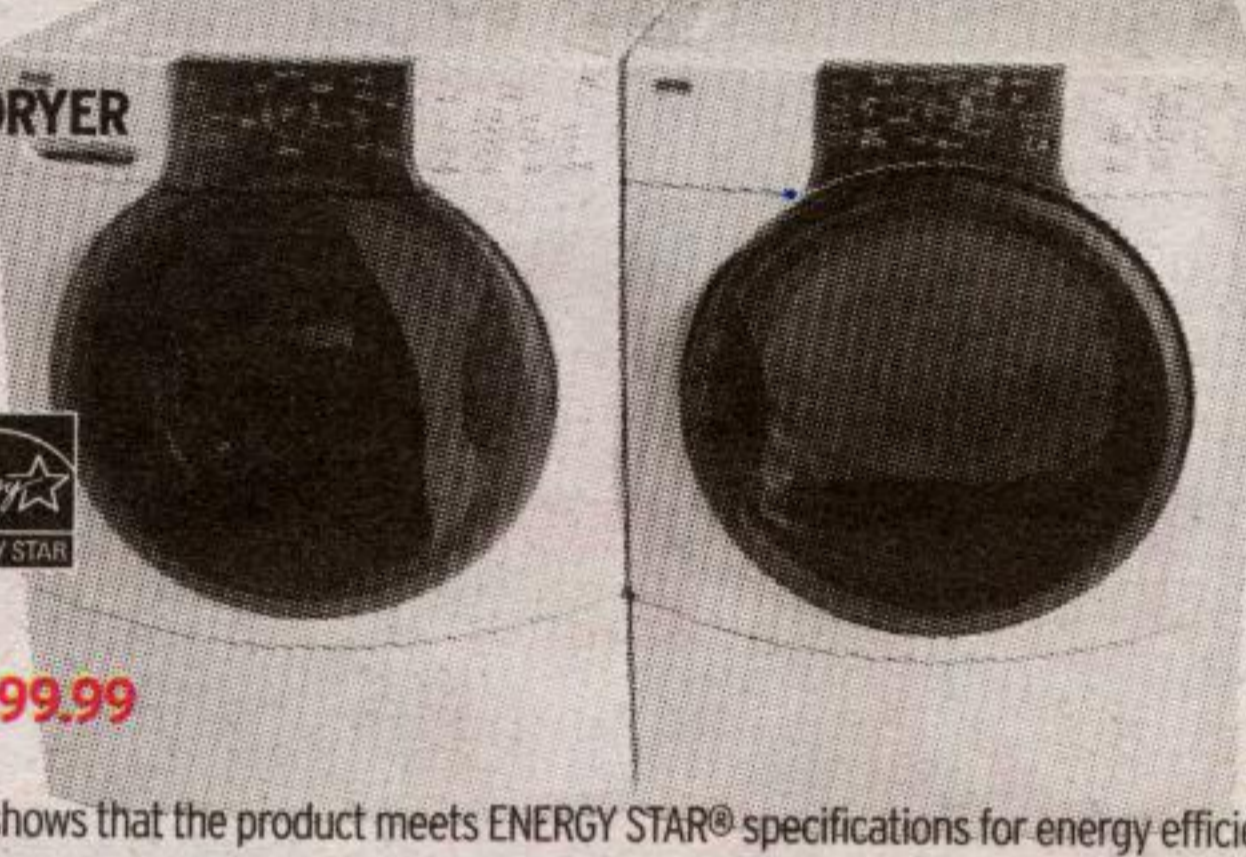
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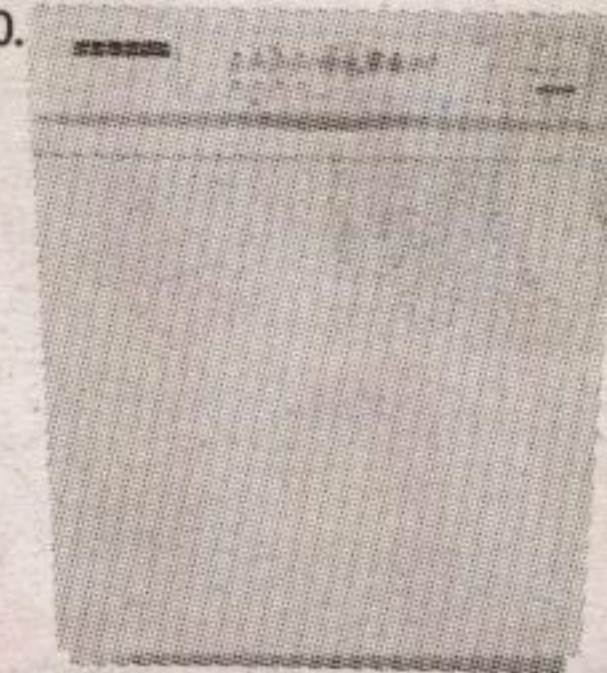
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