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Aaron Eckhart is a big-picture kind of guy

Improving Home Improvement(s)

It used to be that spring fever was all about romance and road trips. Now you lust after power tools and lose sleep over your home's annoying little foibles. (When you end up in Home Depot for the third time in three fine spring days, you'll know what we're talking about.) But you can make all those home improvements a little easier this year with the help of these new products. How easy? Well, you can cross window washing right off your spring-cleaning list. — Tracy Staton

AIRFLOW REGISTER BOOSTER FAN > Every house has a vent or two that behaves like a rebellious teenager and refuses to perform like the rest of the system. AirFlow uses a plug-in fan to pull extra warm or cool air out of weak registers. Unlike a teen, AirFlow runs at the speed you select — and it's energy-efficient. \$60. www.smarthome.com

ILLUSION MOVING ART FLAT-SCREEN-TV DISGUISE > Your LCD television looked perfect at first, but now you'd like to camouflage that dead gray screen. Illusion Moving Art frames your TV like artwork, and at the flick of the remote, a giclée overlay — in the print of your choice — scrolls down to cover the screen. Higher-end versions tilt and swivel the TV for angled viewing. From \$3,950. www.mediadecor.com

IROBOT LOOJ > Gutter cleaning is a thankless job. Sure, it prevents water damage and insect infestation, but no one can admire your handiwork without a ladder. So, make the job fun. The remote-controlled Looj motors through gutter debris like it's a mole digging a tunnel. \$100 for basic model. www.irobot.com

PILKINGTON ACTIV NEUTRAL SELF-CLEANING WINDOWS > A nanotech film uses sunlight to break down soil, and it spreads raindrops into a sheet of water so that dirt is swept away without leaving spots. Plus, its solar-control coating keeps you cool without blocking or coloring natural light. Prices vary depending on window size and coating selection. www.pilkington.com

REJUVENATE FLOOR RENEWER > Think your tired, old flooring needs replacing? Maybe it doesn't. Rejuvenate's floor-restoring system uses a polymer to fill scratches and restore shine to hardwoods, ceramic tile, slate, marble, cork, and more. Restoration kit includes applicators, stain remover, and solutions. \$99. www.rejuvenate.tv

TOUCHLESS TRASHCAN > Make spring-cleaning easier and more sanitary with this stainless steel dustbin, which uses infrared sensors to activate an automatic lid. You won't have to touch the can until you empty the bag. Thirteen-gallon NX model, \$180. www.touchlesstrashcan.com

