

Everything You Need for a Greener Spring Clean

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hands. Our landfills are full of furniture and other household goods that people get rid of every day—meanwhile, a place like Goodwill or the Salvation Army is happy to take that stuff off your hands. And most of them will come to you for large item donations like furniture!

All-Natural Luffa Sponge

Towels can't handle every mess, of course. Really caked-on grit requires something a little more forceful, which is where an all-natural luffa sponge gets involved. Natural luffas or sea sponges can be purchased online—just make sure to avoid the plastic look-alikes, since they're manufactured. In fact, if you're feeling really industrious, you can even grow your own luffa. Nurseries and seed dealers sell packages of seed for these Egyptian gourds—the fruits, once peeled and dried, make excellent DIY sponges. A sponge you can grow yourself? Now that's what I call green!

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