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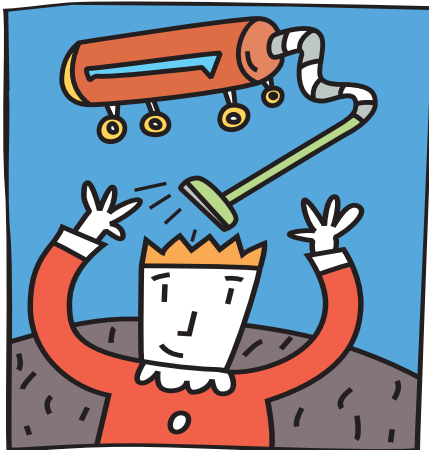
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## Everyday Home Products Getting a High-Tech Upgrade

(ARA) You may not have noticed it because of larger technological breakthroughs such as hybrid cars and solar energy, but a new class of home conveniences is emerging to make day-to-day activities easier and more time efficient. Every day new products are developed and old ones are given high-tech makeovers.

### Luxe Laundries

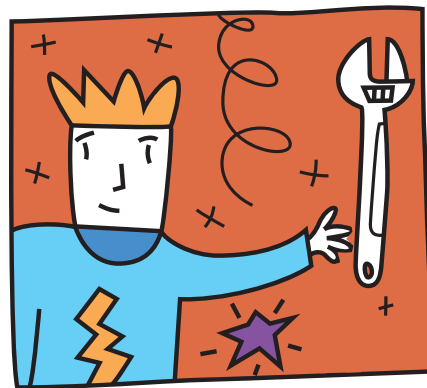
Sophisticated new washers allow users to select their settings with digital displays that can be programmed for specific washing needs -- individual stain removal, fabric choice, dry cleaning, wrinkle removal, and even to run at a certain time of day.

### Cutting the Cord

The central vacuum system concept is simple; in-wall tubing leads to inlet valves strategically placed throughout your home. When it's time to clean, you just plug in a lightweight hose and attachments to get started. You don't have to carry a heavy standard vacuum unit with a tangle-prone cord up the stairs, down the hall or around the rooms.

### A "Three-Second Clean"

No longer do you need paper towels, sponges or brooms. Vroom brings powerful built-in vacuum suction to quick-clean jobs in kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms, mudrooms and other high traffic areas of a home. Vroom is installed directly into the cabinetry of a room and combines speed, convenient location and the ability to clean up dry spills to give its user a "three-second clean." Check out [www.Vroomyourroom.com](http://www.Vroomyourroom.com) for more information. Vroom can be used with or without a central vacuum.



## Simple Solutions for Saving Hundreds at the (Toilet) Tank

(ARA) – Water conservation is becoming a household necessity due to more states declaring drought emergencies each year. Plus, not only does water conservation help the environment, but it also puts less strain on the pocketbook.

Repairing a leaky toilet can save up to 200 gallons of water a day or more than \$365 a year on your water bill, depending on the varying cost of water in your area and the severity of the leak.

One way to identify a leaky toilet is to add a few drops of food coloring in the

toilet tank. If the toilet is not running and the coloring seeps into the toilet bowl, it signals a leak at the flapper.

Another simple way to recognize toilet leaks is to install a Fluidmaster Leak Sentry Fill Valve or Leak Guard Fill Valve on your toilet. After detecting a leak, these valves "lock" the refilling of a tank without disabling the toilet. Homeowners are made aware of the leak because they have to push the lever twice to flush the toilet.

Other signs that a toilet is leaking include the sound of running water and the toilet turning on and off without being flushed. You may need to replace the flapper, the handle, or adjust the water level in the tank to make sure water isn't being wasted in your toilet.

For additional tips on toilet repairs, water conservation and information on products that save water, money and make an environmental difference, go to [www.fluidmaster.com/waterconservation](http://www.fluidmaster.com/waterconservation).



## MARCH

March 8th

### Daylight Savings Time begins.

Spring forward and don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detector too!

March 17th

### St. Patrick's Day

March 20th

### First Day of Spring

Also known as the vernal equinox, occurs on or about March 21 in the northern hemisphere. On that day, day and night are evenly divided.



