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Spring cleaning is one of the traditional rituals that come around every year. Going through the house, the closets, and even the flower beds is one way that many of us shake off the winter blues and welcome in the fresh, warmer weather. In case you haven't gotten the urge to sweep, dust and mop quite yet, here are some titles available at the Hope Library that should help to get the ball rolling.

Design Ideas for Curb Appeal by Megan Connelly

Normally the phrase 'curb appeal' is associated with selling a home, but it also applies to any effort that beautifies your home. Spring cleaning doesn't need to be confined to the indoors, and if you're looking to spruce up the outside of your home as well this spring, this may be the book for you. Filled with practical ideas for paint, landscaping, lighting and more, this is a book that both inspires and gives some practical steps for actually doing these handsome projects.

Cleaning: Plain and Simple by Donna Smallin

You can't have spring cleaning without cleaning, and this book tells you how. The chapters take you room by room through your house, giving instructions on how to clean everything you'll find. The book includes sidebars that give warnings about special circumstances, such as fabrics that need special care and instructions for those that suffer from allergies as well.

Don't Throw it Out by Lori Baird

Once you've cleaned your house, then you're left with a pile of old clothes, broken toys, and just plain stuff. This handy book gives them all new lives and provides lots of handy tips for extending the life of the things that aren't worn out yet.

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