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Make spring cleaning much easier

Earlier this year I received a couple product samples that I was able to use at my home and I thought I'd share what I found out with our readers. Both are tools that will enhance your spring cleaning chores.

As the weather warms up I tend to spend more time helping with making meals for my family, grilling up brats, burgers, steak, chicken, veggies...just about anything I can. I even grill pineapple and cabbage. Not together, those are two things I just enjoy eating grilled. As much as I enjoy grilling, I really dislike cleaning the grill even more. It always seems to make a mess and I just don't feel like going through the hassle every time I want to grill out.

Luckily CES has created the Grillbot, a fully-automated robot that makes grill cleaning super easy with the push of a button. It is designed to be used on any kind of grill and takes the grunt work out of cleaning your grill. You simply put the Grillbot on the grill and let it do all the cleaning. It is driven by a powerful CPU that controls movement, speed, and direction of the brushes and comes with an LCD alarm and timer that can be set for a light scrub, deep clean or something in between.

The brushes on the Grillbot rotate and move around your grill to scrub off all the grease and grime left by the food. The brushes are removable so that you can replace them once they've worn down. They are also washable. You just take them off and put them in your dishwasher.

The new Grillbot Pro design comes with Bluetooth 4.0 technology and a replaceable cleaning cartridge. You can control certain Grillbot functions from a smartphone without even having to go outside. That means the person on BBQ duty will never have to miss a shot, goal or score again as the Grillbot easily and effectively handles the dirty work.

The Grillbot Pro features an automated on/off function so you can use your smartphone to control the on/off function on the built-in cleaning spray cycle. There is

also an illuminated alarm and timer to help you stay aware of how much cleaning time remains and receive an alert on your phone when the cleaning cycle is finished. The Grillbot Pro is expected to be available by Summer 2017.

At \$130, the Grillbot is a good investment if you spend a lot of time using your grill. Grillbot comes in four colors – black, red, orange, and blue. The standard package only includes the Grillbot and its charger, but you can order extra brushes or even bundle the Grillbot with a case through Grillbot's website at www.grillbots.com. It is also available at ACE Hardware and True Value stores.

If you're looking for a new spring cleaning tool, take a look at BUMP IT OFF by Goddess of Gadgets. BUMP IT OFF is a reusable silicone sleeve that makes many household tasks more efficient and effective.

It is versatile and eco-friendly and features gentle bristles on one side and smooth bumps on the other. It fits comfortably in your hand and allows you to focus the scrubbing power in your palm or fingertips. It is also the first product to receive four Family Choice Awards in the same year.

BUMP IT OFF has many cleaning uses around the home: You can loosen and lift stubborn stains from clothes and upholstery, wipe your shoes clean—works on all types, from suedes to woven fabrics and even on the soles of the shoes, and clean fruits and vegetables—it's gentle enough while still getting dirt off.

I was able to use it as a grooming tool for our cat and she seemed to love the massage. It removed a lot of the loose hair she had been shedding this Spring.

Or you can use it in the shower to exfoliate, massage and refresh your skin or to get rid of dirt, grime and bacteria on makeup brushes.

It can go in the top rack of the dishwasher to be sanitized and used repeatedly. BUMP IT OFF is available in blue, green, orange and purple. It sells for \$9.99 and can be purchased at www.goddessofgadgets.com.



The Grillbot



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