

## "Tips & Picks"

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### **Picks & Tips From rensup.com**

Welcome to the latest edition of "**Tips & Picks**", a newsletter we publish weekly to help you with ideas for home decorating and home improvement. Each week, we'll send you **Tips** with secrets to help you refine the style and functionality of your home.

Our weekly **Picks** with Closeout and Clearance Sale information follows. Each item link will take you straight to it on the Web site where you can get first choice on some of our most wanted sale items.

## **PICKS OF THE WEEK**

**[Visit The Renovator's Supply Closeout Sale](#)**

We're offering 24 unique LIMITED QUANTITY closeout items this week - many at **more than 50% off** Get them now, while supplies last. Once the items are gone, you may never see them again.

**[Shop Now](#)**

**A Sneak Peek of this weeks HOTTEST  
SPECIALS:**

**Izmir Sarouk Light Blue New Zealand Wool Carpet  
Runner - Item #19859**

This 100% New Zealand Wool. Heavy dense weave with extremely soft, 11/32" pile height. Cotton jute backing. (Sold by the running foot). Other rugs and runners available at similarly reduced prices through the [Specials Page](#).

Retail price: \$26.50 (prf)

**Online Sale: \$10.95 (prf) [Buy NOW](#)**

### **Beige Sheepskin Seat Belt/Harness Pad - Item #20567**

This comfortable seat belt pad protects from rubbing and chafing and it fits any size belt. It also fits luggage, backpack and golfbag straps. Other auto accessories available at similarly reduced prices through the [Specials Page](#).

Retail price: \$24.00

**Online Sale: \$9.95 [Buy NOW](#)**

### **Antique Silver Apple Knob - #20640**

You'll be sure to keep the doctor away every day with this fanciful cabinet knob. This antique silver apple measures 1 3/4 inches long x 1 3/4 inches wide and projects 1 inch. Other cabinet knobs available at similarly reduced prices through the [Specials Page](#).

Retail price: \$16.00

**Online Sale: \$6.95 [Buy NOW](#)**

### **Red Flowers White Pottery Emergency Candle Holder - Item #20723**

Be prepared for power outages and other such emergencies with this holder. The set includes three votive candles and four 5 inch tapered candles. Its top is a reversible candle holder. Other porcelain accessories available at similarly reduced prices through the [Specials Page](#).

Retail Price: \$39.00

**Online Sale: \$18.95 [Buy NOW](#)**

For all other available Items at reduced prices visit our

## [Specials Page.](#)

And We've Lots More, including companion pieces to some of our sale items if you like these few we've shared, but want the item a little differently Check Out [rensup.com](http://rensup.com) to view all items.

## TIPS OF THE WEEK

**Editor's Note:** *Don't forget our ongoing promotion in which you can earn a **Complimentary \$100 gift certificate** from [rensup.com](http://rensup.com)*

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### Fall Leaf Management

As autumn leaves begin falling, once again it's time to rake them up. But maybe not all of them if you first decide which leaves have to go and which can be left where they fall.

Those that have to go are on walks they can make them slippery when wet. Too many of them on your perennial beds can cause crown rot since they end up being winter shelter for fungi and insects.

You can leave them under trees, shrubs and on sturdy ground covers. In winter the leaves will break down into compost. In the spring, instead of buying a lot of new bark mulch, you need to just sprinkle a little to cover over the leaves. The larger the mulched area under any tree, the healthier it is and the faster it grows.

If you want a healthy lawn next spring, you have to deal with those leaves. But stop before you attack them with rake and multiple garbage bags. Mow through them. If you've a mulching mower, all the better. This reduces their volume by half. Collect the chopped up bits in the lawn mower bag and pile them in your compost. If you don't have one, it's easy to make one.

In a couple of weeks this pile will shrink by half again. By spring it'll reduce by another half. The mountain of

fall leaves becomes a few inches of enriched compost for your spring and summer gardening projects.

Submitted by Bobbie Edwards, Creve Coeur, MO

### **Another Fall Home Checklist**

I read a couple of your fall checklists recently and decided to share some of the items on mine that didn't appear to be included in the ones I saw.

- Roof: Check roof and around vents, skylights and chimneys for leaks. Repair as necessary.
- Attic: Close vents to conserve heat.
- Gutters: Clean outside gutters and drain pipes so leaves won't clog them and be sure they drain away from the house.
- In cold-climate areas, drain and cover outside faucets.
- Have heating system serviced. Change filters.
- Check that all smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers are in good working order. Replace batteries.
- Check for leaky faucets in kitchen and bathroom (s). Replace washers as necessary.
- Make sure your refrigerator door seals are airtight. Test by closing the door over a dollar bill. If you can pull the bill out easily, the latch may need to be adjusted or the seal replaced. If you have a coil-back refrigerator, vacuum the coils. Your refrigerator will run more efficiently with clean coils.
- Drain hot water heater. Remove sediment from the bottom of the tank.
- Take down screens (if removable) and replace with storm windows.
- Look for cracks and holes in house siding or paint. Replace caulk if necessary.
- Check basement walls and floor for dampness. Be sure to clean dehumidifier regularly, if you have one.

Submitted by Jeff Malcom, Northbrook, IL

### **Quick Tip To Keep Your Garbage Disposal Working Longer**

Always use cold water when operating the disposal and

run the water at least a minute before and after, as well as during use. Garbage disposals grind those potato peels, etc into a "puree". The water acts as a lubricant to move the matter through the pipes. Letting the water run before use will coat the pipes. Running water when disposal is running helps liquify the garbage. Keeping water flowing afterward helps "wash down" the garbage so it won't settle at the bottom of the disposal or clog your pipes.

Submitted by Susan Garza, Scottsdale, AZ

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## HOME DECORATING/ IMPROVEMENT LINKS

Below are featured links to help inspire new ideas for your home. We're betting you'll want to bookmark some or all of these.

### REALESTATEMATCHER-DOT-COM

<http://www.realestateagentmatcher.com/>

[Find\\_a\\_Place/FAP\\_Article/Top\\_ten](#)

Skewed primarily for those who are looking to sell their homes. These are the areas that buyers apparently look for first when they're looking at prospective homes. Not any "how-to's" but if you're looking to sell (or buy) here's what's important.

### MONSTERMOVING-DOT-COM

<http://www.monstermoving.com/>

[Living\\_and\\_Shopping/LAS\\_Article](#)

The popular job site (monster.com) recently put up a very interesting site that includes some home improvement tips as well as a collection of other peripheral information about the "home" experience such as moving, insurance, yard care and gardening. Some of the information might appear a bit offbeat but it's well-thought-out and orderly in appearance.

## OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

### Complimentary Shipping If You Purchase From rensup.com

Rensup.com is again offering **complimentary shipping** for products ordered **Today**. This is a great opportunity to get your home improvement hardware and accessories at an **even lower price** since we'll pay the shipping. **But you better hurry**. We might discontinue it as quickly as we revived it.

### Read Carefully Before Ordering

- Complimentary Shipping applies to orders **over \$125**
- Shipping is **Ground** and in the **Continental US Only**
- Complimentary Shipping is offered **ONLY** to those who order from our **Web site**
- You **MUST** supply a **valid e-mail address**.
- "Freight" items pay only that additional charge

## WHAT'S NEW AT RENSUP.COM:

**Web Site:** Much of the programming on single product item pages is now complete and published. It's greatly simplified and much more user friendly. The rest of it is expected to be complete in the next few weeks.

And as we update our Web site, we still invite you to let us know if you see something that

doesn't seem "right". Chances are it's only temporary but with over 10,000 pages to upgrade, occasionally something can be mis-coded, resulting in the page not appearing as it should. We appreciate your pointing anything out that you might see. But please, if you **DO** see something (which hopefully will only be occasionally), wait a day or so and then check again to make certain you haven't stumbled on a page that someone might be working on at that exact time. Thanks.

**Gift Certificates:** Christmas is only a little more than two months away. And **someone you know** would like to shop our Web site. A gift certificate from rensup.com all but assures he or she will find something they just can't live without among our list of over 10,000 guaranteed products.

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