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NOW HERE'S A TIP

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• “When I needed a new tire for my truck because I ran over a nail, the shop guy suggested I purchase a slightly used tire that was closer to the age and wear of the others. I spent less on the tire, and the tires will wear evenly. They’re always looking out for me!” — O.E. in Mississippi

• When baby’s teething, try this trick from a grandma: Wet a washcloth and put it in a zip-top baggie in the freezer. When frozen, let the baby chew on it. Its texture and temperature are soothing to little gums, and it can be rinsed and refrozen easily.

• For fresh oil stains, sprinkle with kitty litter and grind into the oil with your foot or a stiff brush. Then sweep up. Repeat as necessary.

• “Hardware stores sell special bladders that can be filled and put inside a toilet tank to take up space, allowing the toilet to use less water per flush. I use a brick. Same effect.” — C.L. in Kansas

• “Dusting shelves with lots of knick-knacks can be a real chore. Try slipping a knee-high stocking over the hose of your vacuum wand. You can get very close to the items on the shelf without sucking anything up but dust. If something did get sucked up, the stocking will catch it for you. This also works for toolboxes.” — W.U. in South Carolina

• “Over-the-door shoe racks are perfect for holding a variety of cleaning products and small canisters of wipes. I have everything I need at a glance on the back of the utility-room door. I even store batteries in various sizes there.” — A.A. in Colorado

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