

# Thoughtful way to tackle dirty job

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If you're worried about your college student keeping their dorm room or apartment clean, a local business can help.

BeNB Enterprises operates a gift basket business designed for people moving into new houses or apartments. Owners Bonnie McCrary of Lombard and Bobbie Gold of Glen Ellyn offer the baskets filled with items needed to keep a place clean.

"I'm such a practical person," Gold said. She added that it makes more sense to receive this type of basket over one filled with wine and cheese.

Gold added that when her daughter moved to California several years ago, they spent hours finding everything they would need to clean her new place. That's what prompted the idea for the business.

The largest basket they offer features cleaning items filled in a sturdy laundry basket. Everything from Windex to toilet bowl brushes and cleaners fill the basket. "It even has a coffee cup and a bottle of water to keep you hydrated while you're working," Gold said.

The owners place a heavy focus on working with Realtors, apartment managers, relocation companies and builders. If the Realtor or company is within a 25-mile radius, the entrepreneurs will deliver the baskets to them.

BeNB is also targeting parents of college students. The women are taking part in a program welcoming students back to campus this week at Chicago State University on Chicago's South Side. "We'll be offering an assortment of our products," Gold said.

The 20-pound laundry basket container sells for \$95. A bucket-size container is also available as well as a smaller caddy that goes for \$45.

Prior to launching the business, Gold was in the health insurance industry. McCrary continues to work for a social service agency.

The women have also prepared the baskets for shower gifts. They added that they use name-brand products and sturdy containers. "We also offer a time saver. It's so practical," Gold said.

For more information, call (630) 415-3484.

Different kind of cleaning: Doo Care, a professional and environmentally friendly dog waste removal and management service for private homes and commercial sites, recently opened in Glen Ellyn.

Nat Truitt is the owner of the company that covers DuPage County. Doo Care helps relieve customers of the dreaded chore of cleaning up a yard after a pet.

The service is offered daily, weekly, one time or for special events with no minimum service required.

For more, visit [www.doocare.com](http://www.doocare.com).

Just like Lincoln: The Log Home & Timber Frame Expo will take place Sept. 22 through Sept. 24 in Schaumburg.

About 75 of the industry's leading companies and craftsmen will exhibit their wares and service at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg.

The event is open to the public. The cost is \$12 for a one-day ticket and \$22 for a three-day pass. Kids under 15 are free.