

# Ultrasonic Technology Removes Dirt And Dust From Blinds And Shades

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People have wondered for years about the best and easiest way to clean their blinds. Perrysburg Clean Blinds Plus has the answer.

Ed and Karen Rantanen, 30-year residents of Perrysburg, started their dream business last March, cleaning and repairing blinds and shades.

When the company where he had worked for several years was sold in the begin-

ning of 2005, Ed saw an opportunity to leave his other profession and open the business he had been thinking about for five years.

The Rantanens said they saw a need in the area for a company like theirs, and so far they have cleaned blinds and shades of all types including mini blinds, wood and faux blinds, pleated shades, honeycomb shades, silhouette shades and privacy sheers.

Ed spent two months last

year researching different suppliers of cleaning equipment and learning the tools of the trade.

He finally ordered the equipment, set up a shop in his and Karen's home and the two of them went through extensive training on the equipment.

Perrysburg Clean Blinds Plus will go to a customer's home, remove the blinds or shades, take them to the shop to clean them, then return and reinstall them in the customer's home, all within a day or two.

The company will travel to customers within a 45-mile radius of the Perrysburg area, which so far has taken it from Sylvania to Findlay.

"We want to be able to provide excellent personalized service, so we don't want to get too far away from the shop," Ed said.

"We take pride in what we call the 'wow factor.' That is when we take the customer's blinds back and they say, 'Oh my goodness, they look like brand new.'"

Perrysburg Clean Blinds Plus uses ultrasonic blind and shade cleaning to get its "wow-inspiring" results.

The ultrasonic equipment creates sound waves in a mild cleaning solution. The waves form millions of microscopic bubbles, which continuously break against the item being cleaned and gently scrub the dirt and contaminants from the item.

The Rantanens said the technology is relatively new to the area, and since they concentrate their business solely on cleaning blinds and shades, they are able to provide a high level of service to their customers.

Ed said most people try to clean their blinds and shades through dusting or wiping them, but since that causes static electricity, more dust and contaminants are attracted to the blinds and shades.

The Rantanens see their



Ed Rantanen of Perrysburg Clean Blinds Plus offers cleaning and repair services for all types of blinds and shades. The company's service includes pick-up, delivery and reinstallation, usually within one or two days.

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cleaning business as an addition to a family of service: One of their sons has a window and gutter cleaning business, another has a lawn care business and their daughter does housecleaning.

"I wanted to come up with something of my own that dovetailed into what they are doing," Ed said. "I am so happy to be able to work from my home and be more of a part of the community. We hope people around the area will give us a try."

Perrysburg Clean Blinds Plus is a member of the Perrysburg Chamber of Commerce, the Holland Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Grow Biz network.

The Rantanens clean mini blinds, micro mini blinds, honeycomb shades, vertical blinds, privacy sheers, wood blinds, faux wood blinds, pleated shades, silhouette shades and regular sheers.

Their repair services include restringing, tilt mechanisms, tassels, end caps, new ladders, cord locks, wands, mounting brackets and horizontal blind shortening.

The ultrasonic cleaning process removes dust, pet dander, pollen, nicotine, insects, dirt, pet hair, mold

spores, grease and stains.

Ed said Perrysburg Clean Blinds Plus is not part of a franchise, but rather a home-town business with personal service, reliability and fair prices.

To make an appointment with Perrysburg Clean Blinds Plus, call the Rantanens at (419) 874-9199 on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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### The Secret To Cleaning Cooper

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In the kitchen, copper pots are ideal for cooking because copper is a good conductor of heat. But copper tarnishes, and it's not easy to clean unless you know the secret.

First, sprinkle a thin layer of salt onto the copper, then apply a small amount of white vinegar with a spray bottle. The copper will brighten before your eyes. Don't use too much vinegar or it won't work.

For rust stains on porcelain sinks and tubs, dip a pumice stick in turpentine (not paint thinner) and gently rub the rusty stain.

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## Prolonging Christmas Trees

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Here's a home brew to preserve the green and beauty

of Christmas trees and to prolong the freshness of natural evergreen holiday decorations.

First, go down to your local garden center and ask for micronized iron. Then add one-quarter cup to one gallon of hot water. Also add two cups of light corn syrup and four teaspoons of chlorine bleach. This stuff is powerful and can stain carpets, so keep a plastic sheet spread underneath.

Finally, trim an inch off the tree trunk and ends of stems, and add more brew as it evaporates. When the needles of other trees and greens are dropping left and right, yours will be fresh and beautiful — right through the holidays.

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