

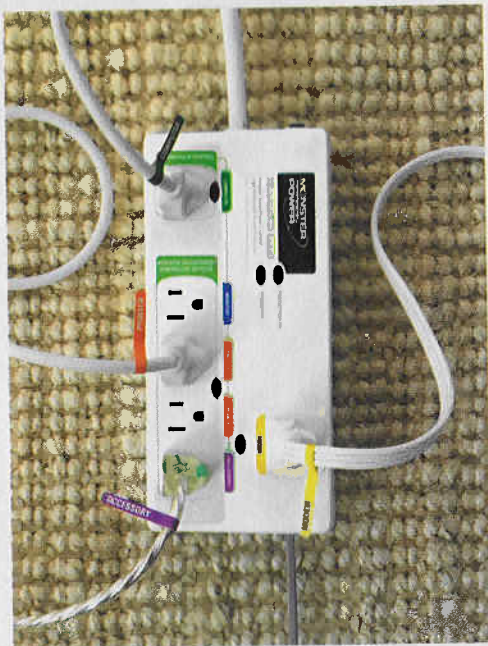
four problem-solving products from \$2.50

surge protector, \$80

PROBLEM: When you turn off the power strip, the DVR doesn't record your shows.

SOLUTION: Switch to the color-coded Monster Digital PowerCenter MDP 650. The green-tagged outlets turn off with the strip, but the others continue to deliver power unless they're unplugged.

TO BUY: monstercable.com for stores.



bike holder, \$60

PROBLEM: Your two-wheeler is always in the way.

SOLUTION: Hang it from the Gladiator Claw, which attaches with screws to any ceiling. To release the bike, push the wheel up against the pad to open the clasp. Repeat when you want to store it.

TO BUY: gladiatorgw.com.



apron, \$40

PROBLEM: Where is a dish towel when you need one?

SOLUTION: Try on the Zip and Dry Apron, which has an attached cotton dish towel. Perfectly placed for wiping your hands, the towel zips off to mop up spills or for separate washing. No more dirty cloths draped on your shoulder.

TO BUY: uncommongoods.com.



peat pots, \$2.50 to \$10

PROBLEM: Planting can leave a pile of nonrecyclable plastic containers.

SOLUTION: Buy young vegetables or herbs in Bonnie Plants Peat Pots—they're biodegradable. Instead of discarding the pot, just peel off the bottom and plant the whole thing in the soil.

TO BUY: homedepot.com for stores.

