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Who you gonna call...? Even the most confirmed goddess needs the odd day off.

SOS LONDON

Time is precious, and sometimes everyone needs a helping hand. That's why we've compiled a list of must-have services in the city. Scribble them in your diary now...

CLEANER, BRIGHTER, BETTER
First-class house cleaners. **Absolutely Spotless** (020 8932 7360; www.absolutelyspotless.co.uk). From €80.

NEED A MAN WHO CAN?
If home maintenance isn't your forte, call **Handyman For Hire** (07980 178150; www.handymanforhire.co.uk). From €35 for 30 mins.

NO TIME TO HOUSE HUNT?
Save yourself some legwork by calling **A London Home** (08707 606563; www.alondonhome.com), who will preview properties for you, then oversee the purchasing palaver. Registration fee €500.

SORT A ROOM IN SECONDS
For €200, **Habitat** (020 7614 5255; www.habitat.net) will send round a designer with ideas and samples, then come up with a mood board. Interior design at its easiest.

REVAMP YOUR KITCHEN
The Kitchen Doctor (0500 855555; www.thekitchendoctor.com) will replace or repair tired kitchen unit doors and drawers. Call-out fee for first hour €82.25.

TOO BUSY TO BAKE?
Buy in delicious home-baked cakes from south London's real domestic

goddess, **Hannah Loach** (07866 627300; homemadecakes1@aol.com). Prices start at €15.50.

ENJOY STRESS-FREE HOLS
Housesitters extraordinaire, **London Facilities Management** (01462 670250; www.lfmanagement.co.uk) will look after your property when you're away. From €100 per visit.

FLOWERS IN A FLASH...
Have beautiful displays delivered fresh from New Covent Garden Market courtesy of **stemsuk.com** (020 7622 3300). From €25.

KEEP FIDO FIT AND HEALTHY
Get **K9 Capers** (0871 277 0353; www.k9capers.com) to take your dog for walkies for €8 per hour. It'll also provide training and pet products.

HASSLE-FREE COOKING
Rocket (www.rocketlondon.com) delivers delicious meal kits, with fresh ready-prepared ingredients. Menus change weekly. From €11 for two.

NO TIME TO WAIT IN FOR DELIVERIES?
Entrust UK (020 8948 4330; www.entrustuk.com) secures access to your home for tradesmen, and can also check your property when you're away. From €40 a visit.

FASHION MAKEOVER
To ease fashion frustrations and bring order to your wardrobe, **Coat Hanger** (07973 460373; www.coathanger.net) offers a style makeover service for both men and women, starting from €175.

THE PERFECT NIGHT IN
Why go out? **Deliverance** (0800 019 2222; www.deliverance.co.uk) will deliver a wide range of hot and cold cuisines to your door, including sushi and fresh juices, from €10 per head. You can order DVDs, wine and pudding, too.

GARDEN TIDY
If you don't have green fingers, let **Woodhams** (020 7346 5656; www.woodhams.co.uk) manage your garden maintenance, from €100.

END FLATPACK MADNESS
To save time and stress, let **Put 'em Up Ltd** (020 8427 0084; www.putemup.co.uk) assemble all your flatpacked furniture. Starting at €30 per item.

MOBILE COCKTAIL BAR
Whether you're partying at home or away, **Drinks By Appointment** (020 8365 8553; www.drinksbyappointment.co.uk) can set up and run a cocktail bar for you. From €500.

LET SOMEONE ELSE COOK
For exceptional food and entertaining services, **Butter & Co Catering** (07900 691632; www.butterandco.com) will cook up some pretty amazing things. Starting at €40 per head for a three-course meal. It also offers gourmet food and wine tastings, and private cooking classes.

PAMPER YOUR PETS
From €30, **Spot The Dog** (07747 028670) will provide a first-class mobile pet-grooming service for both dogs and cats. It also offers many other petcare perks, ranging from dietary advice and dog walking to holiday care and, er, animal psychology.

WHY BOTHER LOOKING FOR ACCESSORIES YOURSELF?
For a fee of €25, let **Casa Libra Ltd** (01285 810404) do all the hard work for you, searching for and buying all your home accessories.

AND IF ALL ELSE FAILS...
Buy:time (www.buy-time.co.uk; 020 7498 7934) is a lifestyle management service that prides itself on being able to sort everything out for you – from your piles of post to throwing a party to finding a plumber. Prices start at €25 per hour. Now you've no excuse... □