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We have self-cleaning ovens, self-cleaning windows and even self-cleaning litter boxes. Now there's a self-cleaning toothbrush. The **Mouthwatchers** Toothbrush uses nanosilver technology to eliminate germs on the brush as well as in the mouth. The bristles contain microscopic particles of silver, an element that kills many bacteria and viruses. Nanosilver has been getting some buzz for its use as an odor preventer in clothing and other products. It has also been stirring some disagreement between those who tout its antimicrobial benefits and those who think more study is needed on its effects on health and the environment.

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