



Quick tips to clean like a maid

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You can learn tricks and form habits to clean your house as efficiently and effectively as a maid would.
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For National Cleaning Week, form habits that maids use to reduce clutter and keep your home clean. You'll finish tasks faster and have more time for activities that are really important to you. Perfection is not the goal; giving yourself a safe, comfortable environment is. To get started, look at the big picture:

- **Clean quicker.** Few people enjoy cleaning their homes enough to spend more time at it, so picking up the pace is worth learning.
- **Clear clutter.** It's much easier to keep a home clean when it's free of clutter. Clearing off counter tops, desks, end tables, and other flat surfaces is a start. Once you reduce the amount of stuff you have in your home, it'll take less time and effort to clean.
- **Get organized.** When you are able to get rid of clutter, the next step is to get organized. The adage "a place for everything, and everything in its place" applies here. When all the stuff in your home has its own home, it's easier for you to keep clutter minimal and tackle cleaning tasks.
- **Set a schedule.** It doesn't have to be rigid, but creating a schedule of daily, weekly, monthly, and seasonal chores helps everything get done quicker and more efficiently. Plus, there will never be a question about what needs to be done next.
- **Get motivated.** Attitude really is everything! It's not easy to get excited about doing chores around the home, but the payoff is big, and when you have a plan, the time it takes will be minimal.
- **Get everyone involved.** If you aren't the only human in your household, everyone over age three or so can help with cleaning chores. Teach them what to do, and reward them for their help. Over time, the cleaning routine will become a habit for the whole family.

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