Home Maintenance Hacks to Make Your Life Easier



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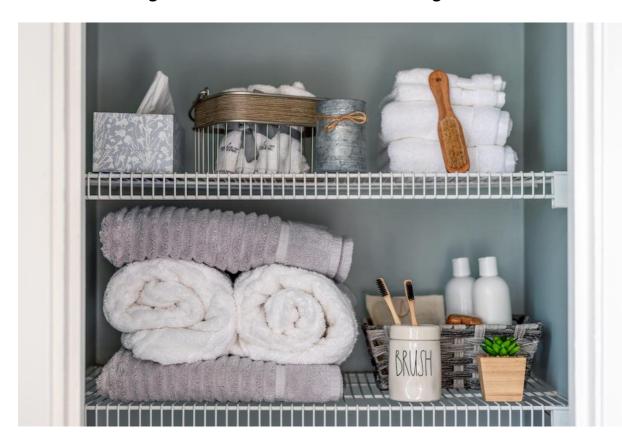
Maintaining a home can often feel overwhelming, but with the right strategies, it can become a seamless and efficient process. This guide explores clever home maintenance hacks that save time, reduce stress, and help you keep your living space in tip-top shape. From quick cleaning tricks and preventive measures to DIY solutions for common household problems, these tips are designed to make home upkeep more manageable. Whether it's organizing your tools, tackling stubborn stains, or preserving your appliances, these practical insights ensure your home remains a comfortable and well-maintained haven with minimal effort.



1. Introduction

A well-maintained home not only looks great but also functions smoothly, making life more enjoyable and stress-free. However, keeping up with household chores and repairs can feel like an endless task. That's where home maintenance hacks come in—a collection of smart, practical, and time-saving tips to simplify your daily routines and tackle common challenges. These hacks empower you to address minor issues before they become major problems, stay organized, and save money along the way. Whether you're a seasoned homeowner or just starting out, these clever strategies will help you create a more efficient and comfortable living environment with minimal effort.

2. Home Organization Hacks You Should be Using



My job as a professional organizer is to simplify the lives and homes of my clients. But after working with so many households, I've noticed a common misconception about the process. A lot of people think it's too difficult, too time consuming, or even too expensive to get organized—which is often why they finally bite the bullet and pay someone like me to do it for them. While experts are highly beneficial—especially when an individual or family is exceptionally busy or they lack the skills to let go of things and create systems—it's totally possible to DIY the process.

To help you get organized without hiring a professional, I'm sharing my top home organization hacks anyone (yes, anyone!) can do. These tips are broken down into three easy phases: Decluttering, organizing, and tidying, otherwise known as the maintenance phase. Use these easy-to-implement ideas to cut clutter and create the organized space you've been dreaming of.

Phase One: Declutter

Before you contain or label a single thing, it's important to let go of what you no longer need or want. It's silly to create space for something that doesn't belong anywhere, so don't be afraid to toss or donate the items that no longer serve a purpose in your home. This step can be difficult for some, but the following tips should help you determine what to let go of.

Do a Little at a Time

Trying to go through an entire household of possessions in one weekend is a recipe for failure. Your home didn't become cluttered overnight, so it won't magically be clutter-free in that amount of time either. Choose small areas to start with and keep the habit up. Remember, completing micro tasks over and over adds up to more progress than getting too overwhelmed and doing nothing at all.

Toss the easy stuff first: To strengthen your decluttering muscle, start with what I refer to as the "no brainers." Go through the pantry or medicine cabinet and toss anything that's expired. This will help build your confidence and allow you to let go of the clothes in your closet that no longer fit, or the serving platter from your mother-in-law that isn't your taste but you're holding onto out of guilt.

Make declutter dates: I will actually schedule decluttering sessions on my calendar, especially during busy seasons of life, because it's so easy to forget that it needs to be done. Decluttering is a task that needs to be done regularly, but future decluttering sessions will become easier after your initial purge. Schedule two closet decluttering sessions per year, one in the fall and another in spring. Four times a year, set aside a couple hours to sort through toiletries and makeup (the first of each season works well for me), and plan a weekly date to toss expired food and do a quick fridge clean-out.

Follow the One In, One Out Rule

Following this rule can be tough, especially if you like to shop, but it's one of the easiest ways to stay on top of clutter. If you buy something new, remove something to create space for it. If you purchase a new printer, recycle or sell the old one immediately. Next time you pick up a new pair of shoes at the mall, donate an older pair you don't wear very often. Not only will this keep your household tidy, but your old items can almost always be donated and used by someone else.

Stash a donation bag in the closet: I personally love and use this method as it creates extra space in my closet in between my biannual decluttering projects. I keep a small tote on the floor and use it to collect things I come across that no longer spark joy. Once it's full, I take it with me to a nearby charity when I'm out running errands.

Create a donation schedule: Learn the hours of your local donation center or, if you don't have one close by, inquire about pickup schedules. Most charities such as Big Brothers Big Sisters or the Melbourne will come to your neighborhood on certain days of the month. Check out donationtown.org to find where you can drop off or schedule a pickup in your area.

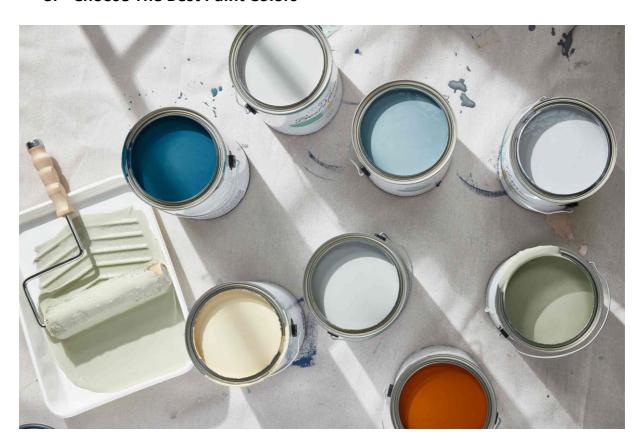
Establish a Daily Decluttering Routine

Get into the habit of cleaning out your car, purse, or work bag at the end of each day. Sort through the mail at least every few day, although I suggest scanning it daily to handle anything urgent. Put your laundry away as soon as possible (I know, easier said than done), and load the dishwasher right after dinner. Staying on top of the everyday clutter will prevent large pile-ups and eliminate stressful messes in the long run.

Go paperless: Paper is one of the worst offenders when it comes to daily clutter. Sign up for paperless receipts at the store, statements and bills from your banks and credit card companies, and learn how to get off of junk mail lists. This will cut down on everyday clutter and give you more time for more fun activities.

Digitally detox: While going paperless is smart, it often leads to digital clutter and I'll admit that I fall victim to this more than anything. It's not directly in our physical way so it's easier to ignore. If your email inbox is staggering or your phone is always letting you know it's running short on storage space, spend a few minutes at the end of day purging photos, apps, and more.

3. Choose The Best Paint Colors



Do you have a hard time choosing paint colors? Have you ever had to repaint a room because the paint color you chose did not look at all how you thought it would? Choosing

the wrong paint color is one of the most common decorating mistakes people make. Here's how to choose paint colors you'll love every time!

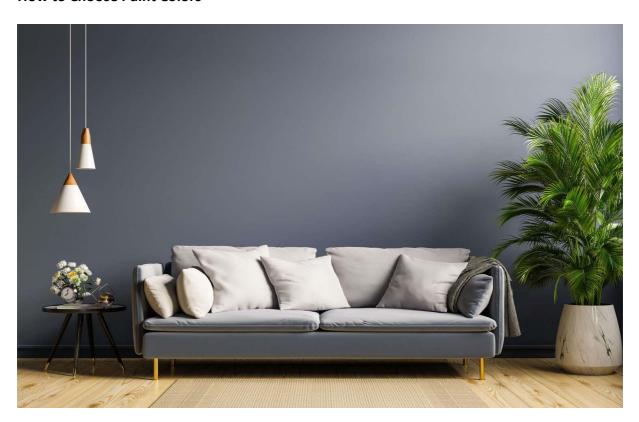
It can seem like a huge task to choose a paint color, especially if you've ever spent hours rolling paint onto the wall only to realize it's just not the right color at all.

I often say "It's just paint" and it can be painted over, but paint has gotten more expensive along with everything else, I do feel your pain, because of the time and money lost when that happens.

I've chosen the wrong color paint too in the past. In fact, when we moved to this house, I repainted our master bedroom three times because I was rushing and didn't remember my own advice.

But I finally learned how to avoid making paint mistakes, and I want to share that with you so that you can choose paint colors confidently in your home.

How to Choose Paint Colors



Here are my five tips or rules for choosing paint colors like a pro!

1. Don't choose your paint colors first!

My number one tip is don't choose your paint first.

I know sometimes you feel like you should go and choose your paint color first because it takes up most of the space in a room. The walls are huge. It takes up a lot of space, but it's far easier to choose one of the thousands of paint colors to go with the other things in your home than it is to choose those things – furniture, decor area, rugs, things like that – to go with a paint color.

So always choose the big things first – the flooring, the furniture, the area rugs, the curtains, and the art even – choose those before you choose the paint color.

2. Learn at least a little about undertones

My second tip is to learn a little bit about undertones and color temperatures.

Paint is made up of different colors. If you've ever watched them mix it at the store, you can see all the different colors of paint being dripped into the can.

A warm paint will have a color or undertone of a warm color, such as yellow or red.

A cool paint color will have a base color or undertone of a cool color like blue, green, or even gray.

You can test the undertone of a paint color in two ways, so if you like a color, try this:

Place one or two swatches on a white piece of printer paper and see what color becomes really visible to you.

Anyways, the second way is if the paint color is on a swatch with more than one color, look to the very bottom color. It will usually be much more saturated and therefore will show more of the true color undertones, whether it's cool or warm, yellow or pink, or any of that.

When you can see the undertones in a paint color, it makes it easier to choose one that will work in your home with your decor.

3. Never choose your paint color at the store (NEVER!)

My third tip is to never, ever, ever choose paint colors at the store, ever.

There's a story that I hear all the time. Someone goes to the paint or hardware store, itching to do a makeover on a weekend, wanting to buy paint to start that makeover. (Mistake number one!)

They have a general idea of the color they want – maybe a green, or a blue, or a red, or a yellow – but they're not exactly sure of their exact paint colors yet.

4. Ways to make your appliances last longer



In the Melbourne, we expect to replace our washing machine every seven years, our fridge freezer every eight years, and our vacuum cleaner every five and a half years, according to data from Wrap.

But the cost of replacing our appliances so frequently soon adds up. In our most recent GHI tests, even the cheapest washing machines came in at the £440 mark, while the price of the upright vacuum cleaners that most recently graced our testing facility ranged in price from under £200 to over £400. By extending the life of the appliances in our homes as much as possible, then, we stand to make some serious savings.

Kind to your wallet, kind to the environment

What we may be less aware of, though, is that the longer our appliances last, the more we also reduce their hidden environmental impact. This includes the resources and energy used, and the pollution and greenhouse gases produced, in their manufacture and distribution, as well as the processing required to salvage recyclable parts and materials when they do finally give up the ghost.

'The more resources and energy that are needed to produce a product, the longer it should be used,' a spokesperson from the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) explains. 'Even taking into account the improvements in the efficiency of new products coming on to the market, our research shows that we'd have to use products for longer than we are, if we want to compensate for the greenhouse gas emissions linked to their manufacture and use.'

Here are four ways you can make your appliances last longer to save yourself some cash and do your bit for the environment at the same time.

1. Read the instruction manual

Hands up if you tend to ignore the instruction manual when you buy a new product. If this is you, you're not the only one. In fact, research shows that the majority of us don't bother reading instruction manuals.

This means many of don't use the full range of features the products we own offer, but it also means we're missing out on vital information about using your appliance correctly and maintaining it effectively – two things that will help make appliances last longer. So, a little time spent familiarising yourself with the contents of the user manuals of the white goods you own, could save you money in the long run.

2. Empty filters regularly

The filter of your washing machine should be cleaned once every six months to remove gunk, stray pennies and other bits and bobs that have escaped over time from unemptied pockets. The filter is usually tucked away behind a panel at the base of your washing machine.

The filter of your tumble dryer, on the other hand, should be emptied after every use. This helps ensure the dryer isn't working harder than it needs to and using more power as a result.

3. Allow enough space for ventilation

For freestanding fridges and fridge freezers, leave at least 2cm of extra space above and behind the appliance. This allows for better ventilation, which means it's easier for the appliance to do its job and use energy efficiently.

'Ensuring dust, lint and any other obstructions are removed from behind your fridge and freezer will ensure that ventilation openings remain unblocked and air can circulate freely,' explains Stephen Curtler, Product Safety Manager at the Electrical Safety First. This can also help prevent electrical fires.

4. Keep your appliances sparkling

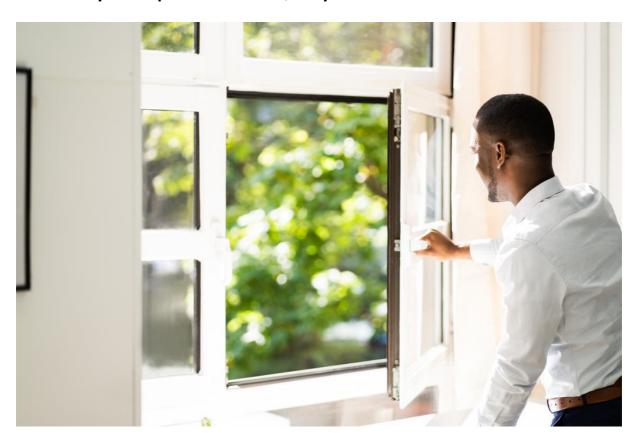
'Keep them clean!' urges Sian Lewis from the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances.'Washing machines, dryers, dishwashers and fridges all work better and last longer when limescale, lint and food residues are cleared.'

Running your washing machine on a 60C cycle (or hotter) once a month with no laundry or detergent will help keep mould and bacteria at bay. Using a washing machine cleaner such as Dr Beckman Service-It Deep Clean will also help.

But to rid your machine of limescale you'll need to run it empty on a normal wash cycle using a large cup of distilled white vinegar in place of laundry detergent. This thrifty limescale-buster will also descale your dishwasher – just add a cup to the floor of the machine before running it empty on a normal cycle.

Distilled white vinegar will also work wonders on a limescale-coated kettle – leave a solution of half water, half vinegar to do its magic, empty, then boil and discard a kettle-full of fresh water.

5. Ways to Improve Your Air Quality at Home



You might often come across news stories about air pollution and its impacts on public health. But how frequently do you think about the quality of the air indoors?

While outdoor air pollution certainly poses a concern, it might be easy to forget that the quality of the air you breathe at home may be just as important.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), levels of air pollutants indoors may not only be up to 100 times higherTrusted Source than outdoor air pollutants, they could also have a greater effect on your health.

The health impacts of indoor air pollution depend on the type of pollutant present in your air, but they can include:

- cancer
- pneumonia
- asthma
- allergic reactions
- heart disease
- low birth weight

People with respiratory or heart conditions, as well as young children and older adults, may also have a greater risk of developing some health concerns connected to low indoor air quality.

Unexplained respiratory symptoms could offer a clue that it may be time to check the air quality in your living space. But other times, even pollutants with the potential to cause harm go completely undetected for years.

Taking steps to boost your indoor air quality can help you lower your risk of developing health conditions and may even improve your quality of life. We've got eight tips to get you started.

1. Cut down on pollutants



An important way to keep your indoor air clean involves learning about common sources of pollution and avoiding adding pollutants when you can.

Some common pollutantsTrusted Source include:

Radon

Radon, a natural radioactive gas, can seep up through cracks in the earth and build up in your home, leading to health problems including lung cancer.

Home test kits offer a simple way to check for unsafe levels of radon in your home. If testing reveals high levels of radon in your air, you can typically reduce radon by sealing the foundation of your home so that the gas can't leak into your living space.

Learn more about radon and how to handle it.

Secondhand smoke

Secondhand smoke refers to exhaled cigarette smoke. Anyone exposed may have a higher riskTrusted Source of developing health concerns, including certain types of cancer. Thirdhand smoke, found on surfaces like clothes or furniture that absorb it, also poses a health risk.

The best way to keep second and thirdhand smoke out of your living space is to avoid smoking indoors. If possible, it could also be a good idea to minimize the habit, since the thirdhand smoke on your clothes may still affectTrusted Source your living space and air quality.

Formaldehyde

Formaldehyde is a common volatile organic compound, or VOC — one of many harmful gasses sometimes emitted by common household items.

Commonly found in glues used in composite wood and many types of furniture, formaldehyde can seep into your indoor air. Too much exposure can cause respiratory issues, including bronchitis.

You can reduce formaldehyde's effects on air quality by:

opting for used furniture instead of new - furniture tends to release lower amounts of formaldehyde over time

choosing solid wood furniture over composite wood

Cleaning products

Certain cleaning products contain harmful chemicals that may linger in your air, including:

- glass cleaners
- air fresheners
- bleach
- cleaning sprays

Choosing safer, nontoxic cleaning products can help you keep your home clean, without the excess pollutants contained in some standard cleaning products.

2. Test your air quality



If you're concerned about the air quality in your home but aren't sure what changes could help the most, a good place to start involves testing your air quality.

You can either choose the DIY route or call in a pro.

The method you choose can depend on your needs. Doing it yourself is often less expensive, but working with a professional will likely yield more extensive results and personalized info.

DIY air quality testing

You can find a variety of air quality test kits online. Some kits allow you to check for multiple pollutants, while others test for just one, like radon.

Because many at-home test kits aren't comprehensive, it might make more sense to do at-home testing if you're only interested in checking for one or two particular pollutants. If you want a full panel of results, working with a pro may actually be more efficient in the long run.

Comprehensive at-home tests generally cost up to \$200, but you may need to spend more when checking for more pollutants.

Professional air quality testing

Hiring a professional will likely cost more than using a test kit, but many professionals offer additional services to help you manage any sources of pollution found during the test. For example, pros who offer air quality testing may also specialize in mold prevention and removal.

3. Take steps to control allergens



You'll commonly find a host of allergens and irritants in many indoor spaces, including:

- dust
- mold
- pet dander
- dust mites

Keeping these allergens at bay will usually improve overall air quality in your home, not to mention reduce your chances of experiencing respiratory symptoms, including

- runny nose
- watery eyes
- sore throat
- sneezing
- skin rashes
- itching

Managing allergens in your house requires both prevention and upkeep.

Preventative strategies for controlling allergens includeTrusted Source:

brushing and bathing your pet regularly

washing bedding in hot water twice per month to eliminate dust mites

choosing hypoallergenic pillows and impermeable mattresses to keep dust mites out

You can also remove allergens from indoor air by:

vacuuming and dusting to keep pet dander, dust, and dust mites from accumulating

washing mold off nonpermeable surfaces, like tiles and metal, using a bleach or soap solution

removing and replacing carpet, wood, or drywall where mold is growing

4. Use an air purifier

Bringing an air purifier into your home is one effective way to keep your air cleaner. You may want to opt for an air purifier with a high efficiency particulate absorbing (HEPA) filter, since these tend to do the best job of removing harmful particles from the air.

HEPA filters may remove more than 99 percent of harmful particles from your air, in fact.

Air purifiers can't remove all types of pollution, so you may want to consider an air filter if you want to reduce:

- VOCs
- smoke
- mold spores
- excess carbon dioxide
- allergens like pet dander

An air purifier with a HEPA filter can even help remove flu virus particles from your air.

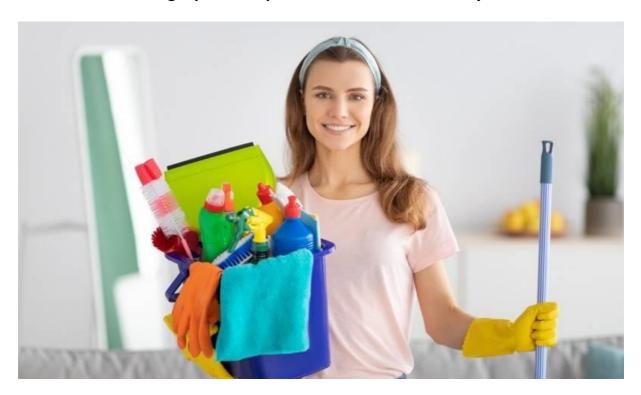
Searching for an air filter but don't know where to start? Check out our list of the best HEPA air purifiers.

5. Improve ventilation

Keeping the air flowing in your home offers a simple (and potentially cost-free) way to improve your air quality. Opening windows and doors to let some outside air flow through is one way to do this — as long as the outdoor air is clean or low in pollen.

But air enters your house through vents as well as weak spots like tiny spaces around doors. While there's not as much you can do about the air that enters through these openings, it might help to make sure that the air channeling into your living space via vents isn't contributing to the problem.

6. Best Cleaning Tips to Keep Your Home Fresh and Tidy



Keeping a home neat and clean requires time and effort. The clutter, dust, and dirt that make their way into our homes seem to form a never-ending cycle of cleaning. But, whether you are doing a thorough seasonal cleaning or daily chores, there are plenty of little tips and tricks experts recommend to get the job done right.

If your home could use tidying, you're in the right place. We put together the 50 best cleaning tips to keep your home fresh and tidy.

Declutter First

Before you clean any room or area of your home, remove all of the clutter. Separate the clutter into piles of items that can be recycled or tossed in the trash, items to be donated,

and items to be returned to their proper spot. Your room will look tidier immediately and be easier to deep clean.

Gather Your Cleaning Supplies

Before you start a cleaning session, gather all of the supplies you'll need so you won't have to stop to go look for a product or tool. Use a bucket or cleaning caddy to keep everything handy. A cleaning kit should include a great all-purpose cleaner, microfiber towels, glass cleaners, tub/tile cleaners, dish soap, and tools like a vacuum, Swiffer or mop, sponges, scrubbing brushes, and more, just to name a few.

Start with Clean Tools

To get the chores done more effectively, always use clean tools. A dirty mop does not absorb dirt well and leaves residue on the floor. A vacuum that is filled with dust can't clean well. Dusters filled with grit can leave scratches on surfaces. Clean your tools after each use so they are ready to go when you are.

Start at the Top

When dusting or cleaning just about any vertical surface, start at the top and work your way down. As the soil is removed, any loose particles or drips, if you're using water, can be caught by the next cleaning movement. No need to backtrack and have to reclean a freshly cleaned area.

Vacuum Better

We have all vacuumed quickly to get a room ready for company but to vacuum thoroughly and remove as much dirt and dust as possible, vacuum in one direction following the pile of the carpet and then again across the direction of the pile. You'll be amazed at how much cleaner your carpet looks and smells. And, removing all of the dirt helps the carpet last longer. Additionally, getting a better vacuum with HEPA filtration can help, as it cleans the air as you vacuum and keeps the machine from blasting odors and allergens into the air as you clean.

Use the Best Cleaner for Stone Surfaces

A popular and effective solution for cleaning glass is vinegar and water. But, when it comes to cleaning stone and granite, you'll want to avoid using acids, according to Roy Marcus, a brand ambassador at Artistic Tile. He notes that vinegar or other acids can etch natural stone and marble, in particular.

Marcus shared his foolproof recipe for a homemade stone cleaner. Dilute one part dish soap in 10 parts of water. To add a cleaning boost, you can include bleach as well. Clean off stone surfaces using this solution, and be sure to keep the water clean.

Refresh Your Sofa



The sofa takes lots of action, but can easily be cleaned and refreshed by vacuuming it well. Remove all of the throw pillows and cushions and use your vacuum tools to clean every surface and crevice. The upholstery brush does a great job of loosening dust so it can be suctioned away. If you have a sleeper sofa, don't forget to unfold the mattress and vacuum it on both sides.

Capture Dust on Window Treatments

Whether you have drapery, wooden blinds, or fabric blinds, they are going to get dusty. Use your vacuum upholstery attachment to easily trap dust. Start at the top of the window and work your way down. Removing loose surface soil will make deeper cleaning easier.

Get Rid of Floor Scuffs

When black scuff marks appear on wood floors, grab a tennis ball (a used one is just fine). Use a sharp blade to cut an X in the ball and then slip the ball onto the end of a broom or mop handle. Place the ball over the scuff mark and apply some gentle pressure to buff away the mark.

Clean Windows Like a Pro



While window cleaning can be a one-person job, it will go more quickly if two people work together. One person can be on the inside and one on the outside so that missed areas can be corrected easily.

Choose a slightly cloudy day or move around the house away from the sun to prevent streaks. Make your own homemade window cleaner by filling a spray bottle with a 50:50 mixture of distilled white vinegar and water. Add a small drizzle of dish detergent to the vinegar and water to make a worthwhile window cleaner. Finally, use a lint-free microfiber cloth to dry the glass.

Wash Pet Bedding Correctly

Don't forget to keep your pet's bed clean for their health and to reduce odors in your home. Start by vacuuming a pet's bed before washing it. Use a free/clear, hypoallergenic detergent like all free clear and add an extra rinse cycle to ensure all detergent has been removed from the fabric.

Banish Fuzzy Lampshades

If your lampshades look a little fuzzy, give them a quick clean with a sticky lint roller. For pleated shades, use a disposable microstatic duster or a new paintbrush to lift away the dust.

Brighten Lightbulbs by Removing Dust

If your lighting looks a bit dim, it could be that your lightbulbs need to be cleaned. Remove dust and grime from cool bulbs with a microfiber cloth.

Freshen Your Bed Pillows

Almost all pillows can and should be washed regularly to remove dust mites, body oils, and dander. The exception are solid-foam pillows that must be spot-cleaned only because they cannot withstand the agitation action in the washer.

Keep Your Mattress Clean and Fresh

Use the power of steam to kill dust mites and freshen your mattress. Choose a sunny, breezy day for cleaning so the mattress will be dry by bedtime. If you don't own a steamer, you can also sprinkle the bed with baking soda, leave it for a few hours, then vacuum it away.

6.1. The Essential Guide To Window Cleaning Equipment



Windows undeniably play a pivotal role in creating a positive, healthy, comfortable, and visually pleasing home environment. They are the prime source of natural light and fresh air in your house, helping you maintain a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.

However, windows need regular cleaning to prevent the buildup of heavy soil, grime, stubborn stains, and hideous streaks. The process may seem daunting and time-consuming, but the use of the right cleaning equipment can make things easier. With the proper tools

and products, you can restore the shine of your window screen, panes, sills, and other components efficiently.

So, consider the following guide and explore the list of window cleaning equipment. The guide includes everything from traditional tools to new-age gadgets to streamline the process. You can easily find these tools at your local hardware shop or online. Make sure you hire professionals if you live in a high-rise apartment. They bring the safety harness and PPE to prevent potential accidents.

Let's Get Started!

1. Microfiber Cloths & Towels to Remove Loose Dirt

Stock up on microfiber cloths and towels to keep your windows dust-free. These affordable cleaning tools can help you remove loose dirt, debris, pollen, and other visible contaminants without leaving scratches behind.

Dampen the cloth and wipe down your window glass screen, frames, and panes before applying a water-based solvent. The cloth can also wipe away soap residue and excessive moisture. Isn't it versatile?

Buy it from Amazon or any supermarket in Melbourne.

2. Scrubbers: Washer Sleeves & T-bars

Another essential tool to include in your window cleaning caddy is a sturdy scrubber or stripwasher. It consists of a T-bar and a scrubber sleeve. T-bars can also be used as attachment handles for an extension pole.

On the other hand, scrubber sleeves attach to the T-bar and are used to scrub and remove stubborn stains and grime.

According to end of lease cleaning Melbourne experts, 6-inches sleeve size is great for French window panes while 24 inches are perfect for huge commercial windows. Sleeves are usually available in two types:

Microfiber: To soak and wipe excess water from nooks and crannies.

Bronze wool: is perfect for getting stubborn stains and grime off windows. However, avoid them on tinted glass.

3. Window Cleaning Scrappers

Believe it or not! Scrappers are one of the most overlooked but effective window cleaning tools. They work wonder in removing tough stains, like adhesive residue, paint, stickers and stubborn caulk from windows and glass.

The tool has a sturdy handle, a sharp razor blade and a protective plastic cover. It is good to invest in smaller scrappers to clean every nook and cranny. However, when gliding the scraper blade across the glass surface, you must follow the right technique. Smoothly and gently run the scrapper and achieve sparkling windows without any scratches.

4. A Rubber Squeegee to Achieve Streak-Free Results



Choosing a good-quality rubber squeegee can leave your windows shiny. It removes soap residue and excessive water from the window glass screen.

Run a squeegee over the surface from the top and get rid of dirt and soap solution. Professionals also use this tool because it won't leave nasty streaks and water spots behind.

5. Soft-Bristled Tools to Clean Sills

Instead of using expensive brushes, you can use an old toothbrush to reach the nooks and crannies of your windows. It can easily reach the sills and remove stuck dust and grime quickly.

Make sure you apply the cleaning solution and gently scrub the surface for the best results. If you are moving out of your rental property, read the lease agreement again, understand the cleaning clauses and fix the damages, such as broken window frames and glass screen if damaged during the cleaning process.

6. Extension Poles to Clean Hard-to-Reach Windows

Professionals bring extension poles when carrying out a budget end of lease cleaning Melbourne. It is one of the essential tools to clean hard-to-reach surfaces without ladders and stools.

The poles lock onto t-bars, scrubbers and scrappers and make your work a lot easier. Seniors often use this equipment to prevent falls and slips. The best part is most telescopic poles are lightweight and can easily reach top surfaces without much elbow grease.

7. Abrasives for Stubborn Stains

Removing dried bird droppings, hard water stains, and other grime from a window glass is challenging. That's where abrasives come into play. These are some of the most wonderful tools that can remove tough stains without leaving scratches on the glass. These are available in three materials including:

Walnut: Walnut abrasives are made up of crushed walnut shells.

Steel Wool: It is perfect for cleaning glass surfaces, polished wood frames and metal. This particular tool can eliminate the nail paint, grease, gunk and other stains with ease.

Nylon: They work wonders on screens and can remove stains in a breeze.

8. A Tool Belt & Holsters

This is one of the most important equipment when sprucing up your window. A perfect tool belt can carry your most-used tools and spray bottles, saving time and energy.

Conversely, holsters are lightweight and can carry one or two cleaning tools. Many professional window cleaners carry this option for high-rise windows.

9. DIY Cleaning Solution and a Spray Bottle

Tools alone won't help you remove stains and grime. You'll need a powerful cleaning agent to achieve sparkling results. To tackle grime, grease, and water spots, you can use white vinegar and warm, soapy water.

Rubbing alcohol is also a great solution for cleaning the frames, sills, and panes. Dampen the cloth in the solution and wipe down the surface. Make sure to rinse and dry the surface to prevent mould infestation.

10. Other Essential Tools

This includes a step stool, ladder, bucket, and spray bottles. These basic yet essential equipment can help you clean windows inside and out. Make sure you stock up on all these supplies ahead and save time.

11. Pro Window Cleaning Equipment: Safety Harness & PPE



If you have high-rise windows, prefer hiring professional window cleaners because they carry all the necessary safety equipment. These include:

Safety Harness: A safety tool that can prevent injuries and falls on the side.

Anti-slip Shoes: These are perfect if cleaners work on a high-rise glass building to clean windows.

Gloves: nylon gloves can provide sturdy grip and prevent slips

Safety Goggles: These can prevent the eyes from cleaning products and debris.

You can always hire a professional for a high-quality end of lease cleaning Melbourne and secure your hard-earned security deposit. They clean the entire property from top to bottom using cutting-edge equipment.

Conclusion

Home maintenance doesn't have to be a daunting task. With these simple yet effective hacks, you can streamline your household chores, prevent costly repairs, and create a

cleaner, more organized living space. By incorporating these strategies into your routine, you'll save time, energy, and money while keeping your home in excellent condition. Remember, a little effort now can go a long way in ensuring your home remains a sanctuary of comfort and functionality for years to come. Embrace these hacks, and enjoy the ease and convenience they bring to your daily life!

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