

Do's and Don'ts OF CLEANING

Tackling cleaning tasks can sometimes feel daunting, but we are here to help! With a little bit of structure, and the right tools, cleaning can be easy (and satisfying!). Check out this quick list of how make the most out of your cleaning routine.



DO's

✓ Clean smarter by focusing on tasks, not zones.

People like to move from room to room while cleaning but focusing on specific tasks and finishing them throughout the house will help you save time and energy. Think dusting surfaces first and floors last.

✓ Give extra attention to areas that attract germs.

To keep a healthy home, pay attention to high-contact areas for germs and bacteria like kitchen surfaces, washing machines, shower stalls, bathtubs, pet items and floors. Even a quick, 10-minute wipe down of these areas can make a big difference.

✓ Wipe surfaces in an S-pattern.

Cleaning surfaces in an S-shaped pattern will help you prevent dirtying previously cleaned surfaces. When wiping, move from clean to dirty and try to only go over the same area twice with a clean pad or cloth.

✓ Let antibacterial cleaners do their job.

Cleaners that can sanitize and disinfect surfaces need time to be effective. Many people treat antibacterial cleaners like regular cleaners, but most need at least 10 minutes to set for maximum effectiveness. Check manufacturer's directions and get the most from your cleaners.

✓ Clean from top to bottom and side to side.

Use a logical approach while cleaning and avoid jumping from spot to spot. Moving from side to side will help you avoid missing spots. Cleaning from top to bottom and cleaning floors last will avoid getting cleaned areas dirty again.

✓ Keep cleaning tools clean.

Replace sponges frequently and wash microfiber pads after each use to avoid a build-up of unwanted bacteria that will lead to streaking.



DON'Ts

X Use cleaners with harsh abrasives and chemicals.

Protect your surfaces, family and pets with cleaners that use earth-friendly, ingredients like hydrogen peroxide that has oxidizing properties to attack organic stains, odor-causing molecules and bacteria. Getting a good clean doesn't mean using harsh chemicals.

X Mix household cleaners and cleaning chemicals.

Creating DIY cleaning solutions can lead to harmful chemical reactions. Avoid mixing bleach with ammonia, rubbing alcohol, vinegar or other cleaning products to keep your home safer.

X Procrastinate and wait for cleaning tasks to pile up.

Taking a few minutes each day to start a daily cleaning routine will lessen the amount of work needed to clean in the future. Get in the habit of dealing with all the small spills and stains as they happen so regular cleaning chores go by fast and easy.

X Use all-purpose cleaners or oil soaps on hardwood floors.

Cleaning technology has come a long way...and all for the better. Most of these cleaners have ingredients that are notorious for leaving a hazy, sticky buildup, and cloudy looking floors.

X Use sponges or paper towels.

Sponges can keep germs and bacteria while paper towels can lead to excess waste and destruction of natural resources. Use Swedish dish cloths or microfiber cleaning pads instead that are more effective at preventing germ spread and can be washed and reused multiple times.

X Clean by yourself.

Crank up the tunes and make it a family affair. If hosting a big party, have clear garbage and recycling bins and your Bona Mop and cleaners readily available to take the edge off cleaning a big mess all alone when the party is over.





How To Clean FLOORS

Clean floors smarter and faster with the right tools and methods to take the maintenance out of “high maintenance” floors. Use this quick, easy cheat sheet from Bona, the floor care experts, for beautiful floors in less time.



Smart Solutions for Clean Floors



Dust/Sweep

Dust/sweep floors for your best regular defense against scratches and surface damage from dirt and debris. Always dust floors along the wood grain. This is one of the most overlooked and important steps in the longevity of your floors, especially hardwood.



Vacuum

Clean hard to reach areas (ie: corners and under furniture) with a vacuum to get any missed dirt or dust bunnies.



Mop

When mopping, lightly mist your floor with a residue-free floor cleaner formulated for the floor surface. If mopping hardwood, mop with the wood grain. Frequency depends on your household but clean up spills immediately.



Polish

Floor polish fills small scratches, restores shine and renews a floor's protective layer. Always test polish on a small part of the floor and use every 2-4 months as desired.



Sand and Finish

Consider refinishing your hardwood floors every 3-5 years to remove scratches or change the aesthetic. Find a trained and certified professional, like a Bona Certified Craftsman, to make your floors look brand new.

Tools Needed:

- Wood floor vacuum without a beater bar (optional)
- Microfiber dusting pads/soft bristle broom
- Microfiber cleaning pads
- Microfiber mop or spray mop
- Residue-free cleaner formulated for your floor type



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Advanced Tips

Get Protection



Use floor mats at entryways and in high traffic areas and apply felt furniture pads to avoid scratching floors.

Avoid Vinegar and Steam



A DIY vinegar and water cleaning solution can dull a hardwood floor's finish. Steam cleaners put heat and excess water on your floor, which can lead to long-term damage.

Fight Germs Safely



Use a floor cleaner that safely sanitizes with the power of hydrogen peroxide, while also effectively removes heavy build-up.



Soothe body and mind with scented floor cleaners infused with essential oils for a clean home and fresh aroma of cedarwood and rosemary or lemon and mint.

Smart Tools for Clean Floors



Bona® Microfiber Mop

One mop. Multiple jobs. Get clean floors throughout your home with a microfiber mop designed for a faster, more comfortable clean on any hard surface floor – wood, stone, tile, laminate, luxury vinyl and more. Bona's version has an extra-large mop head and cleans 40% faster than the leading competitor.



Bona® Hardwood Floor Cleaner

Use the floor cleaner that's the secret weapon for flooring contractors and cleaning professionals worldwide for the beauty and longevity of a hardwood floor.



Bona® Hard-Surface Floor Cleaner

Use a rinse-free, ready-to-use formula that leaves no streaks behind and effectively cleans hard-surface floors, like stone, tile, laminate and luxury vinyl.



Bona® Scented Floor Cleaners

Get the same trusted Bona clean infused with essential oils to leave your home with a longer lasting fresh aroma.



Bona PowerPlus® Hardwood Floor Deep Cleaner

Oxygenated formula that loosens and removes heavy dirt build-up, providing a deep clean without the extra effort.



Bona PowerPlus® Antibacterial Hard-Surface Floor Cleaner

Cleans and disinfects with the power of hydrogen peroxide and kills 99.9% of household germs when used as directed.



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