

Suggested Products for Cleaning

Having the right supplies and equipment is a very important aspect of properly cleaning your home. Providing these items will help insure that your home receives quality cleaning each service. Thank you!



Tools:

- Cleaning Cloths:** The best are pure cotton - white only. Old cloth diapers are excellent.
- Paper Towels:** Recommended brands are Job Squad and Bounty Microwave. Note* Newspaper is great for cleaning glass and mirrors if you don't mind dirty hands.
- Mop / Bucket:** Cloth strips instead of string are preferred. This type of mop is good for scrubbing and rinses out easily. It also dries out quickly eliminating odors.
- Duster:** The only feather duster that works is made with real feathers - ostrich down to be exact. All others are a waste of money. A lambs wool duster picks up dust by static attraction. These dusters are extremely useful for high dusting, knick knacks, picture frames, moldings, blinds, books, cob webs, houseplants, etc.
- Toilet Bowl Swab Brush:** We recommend a toilet bowl swab made with either a cotton or rayon head on a plastic handle. A bowl swab enables you to use cleaners neatly and safely.
- Broom / Dustpan:** A nylon angle head has bristles with fine split tips, to get up even the most minute stuff, and lots of springy strength to pull small debris along. The angled head reaches into corners better, and it suits our natural sweeping stroke better.

Cleaning Products:

- Glass Cleaner:** Any brand will do. Consumer Reports magazine recommends K-Mart brand glass cleaner as the best value.
- All Purpose Cleaner and Degreaser:** Spic and Span, Top Job, Mr. Clean, or Ammonia (non-sudsy) all work fine. We prefer the concentrated formula because they are less expensive and last longer. They can be diluted according to the directions for mopping, spray cleaning, and all general cleaning.
- All Purpose Cleaner and Disinfectant:** Pine Sol, Dow Bathroom Cleaner, Lysol Tub and Tile Cleaner all work fine. Any disinfectant cleaner concentrate whose active ingredient is ammonium chloride. If you have a build up of soap scum, dirt and/or mineral deposits a stronger product will be needed.
- Oil Soap:** This is a mild soap often made with vegetable oil. Murphy's Oil Based Soap is one brand often used. When diluted with water it safely cleans and leaves a soft sheen on wood furniture, paneling, etc. We prefer to clean your furniture this way because aerosol polishes and oily wood treatments when used often tend to create a waxy buildup that will not only look bad and be sticky and more difficult to clean, but will actually attract and hold dust.
- Mild Abrasive:** Such as Soft Scrub, Comet, Ajax or Bon Ami.
- Floor Cleaner:** For most floors including, "no-wax" vinyl, hardwood floors coated with polyurethane, or tile floors (glazed, unglazed, or quarry) we can use a small amount of ammonia and water. For "no-wax" vinyl, vinyl or linoleum we suggest Brite floor cleaner. ("No-wax" vinyl is on both list.) The coating that Brite leaves is water soluble, so it doesn't build up over time.

Other store brands and generic brands are acceptable. Please feel free to call us with your cleaning questions.