Home Maintenance: Protecting Your Investment

Daily, Weekly, & Seasonal Cleaning – Attacking Dust Bunnies
Cleaning: Seasonal Cleaning

- How often we clean depends on many factors
  - How many people live in your home
  - What activities are going on in your home
- Define your personal requirements for tidiness and cleanliness
Cleaning Schedule for your Home

- Break your task into 4 categories
  - Daily
  - Weekly
  - Occasional
  - Seasonal task
Daily Cleaning

- Wash dishes
- Wipe down counters
- Empty garbage and trash containers
- Sweep up floors
- Wipe out sink & tub
Daily Cleaning cont.

- Replace dirty towels
- Clear bathroom surfaces
- Straighten and pick up clutter in living room
- Make beds
- Put away clothes, toys and other things taken out during the day
Weekly Cleaning

- Dispose of leftover food
- Damp mop floors
- Clean garbage can
- Wipe out microwave
- Wash towels
Weekly Cleaning cont.

- Clean toilet and wipe tile with cleaning fluid
- Clean tooth brush holder, mirror, sink, shower, and tub
- Vacuum, carpet, rugs, and furniture
- Dust furniture, lamps, and knick-knacks
- Wash and change bedding
Occasional Cleaning

- Clean drip pans in your stove
- Clean oven
- Clean your Fridge
- Wipe down walls and woodwork
- Wash throw rugs
- Clean carpets and deep vacuum furniture
Occasional Cleaning cont.

- Wipe light bulbs
- Wipe ceiling fans
- Wash windows and curtains
- Dust books and pictures
- Turn and vacuum mattresses
- Wash mattress covers
- Air and vacuum pillows
Seasonal Cleaning

- Clean Cupboards and closets
- Scrub and wax floors (moving furniture to get to the total floor)
- Clean windows and screens
- Wash walls and woodwork
- Wash or dry clean blankets and spreads
- Organize your drawers and closets
- Switch out clothes for the new season and store away things that will not be needed until next year.
Make Cleaning Go More Smoothly

- Broom
- Mop
- Plastic Bucket
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Rags
- Toothbrush (handy for small places and tough dirt)
- Rubber gloves
- Cleaning fluids
  - Glass cleaner, bleach, baking soda, ammonia, vinegar, toilet brush and toilet bowl cleaner (though bleach works just as well).
Essential Cleaning Products:

- All-purpose cleaner
- Window/glass cleaner
- Automatic dishwashing detergent or dish detergent
- Laundry liquid
- Baking soda
- White distilled vinegar, Lemon juice, Table salt, Hydrogen peroxide
- Furniture oil or spray for cleaning woodwork and furniture
Getting Organized

- Store cleaners near where you are cleaning
  - Bathroom cleaners in the bathroom
  - Make a cleaning bucket or basket to keep all you cleaning supplies together

- Safety should take precedence over everything
  - If you have small children or pets keep cleaning supplies out of reach and in a locked cabinet

- Set up a shelf in a closet or laundry room to store cleaners, brooms, mops, brushes, rags, and vacuum

- Small items can be stored in a bucket or basket that you can carry around the house for convenience.
Happy Cleaning!

- Do it when it needs to be done
- Don’t put off – it won’t get done unless someone does it.
- Share the load – you don’t have to do it all
- Keep organized
- Keep it up but know that we all have days when we just don’t want to do it – so give yourself a break
- Turn on the music and clean!