

Home Maintenance: Protecting Your Investment

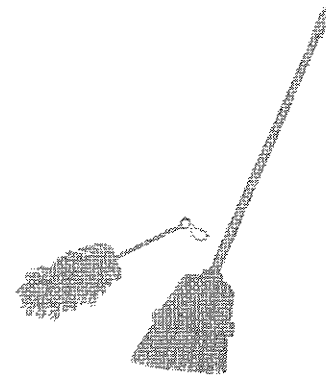
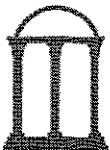
**Daily, Weekly, & Seasonal Cleaning –
Attacking Dust Bunnies**



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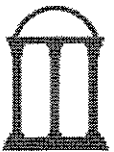
Cleaning: Seasonal Cleaning

- ❖ 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



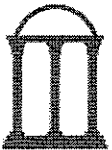
Cleaning Schedule for your Home

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



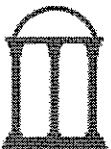
Daily Cleaning

- ❖ Wash dishes
- ❖ Wipe down counters
- ❖ Empty garbage and trash containers
- ❖ Sweep up floors
- ❖ Wipe out sink & tub



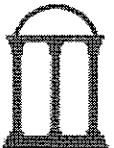
Daily Cleaning cont.

- ❖ 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



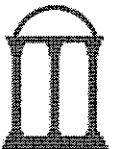
Weekly Cleaning

- ❖ Dispose of leftover food
- ❖ Damp mop floors
- ❖ Clean garbage can
- ❖ Wipe out microwave
- ❖ Wash towels



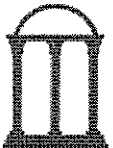
Weekly Cleaning cont.

- ❖ 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



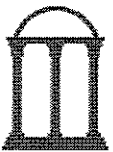
Occasional Cleaning

- ❖ 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



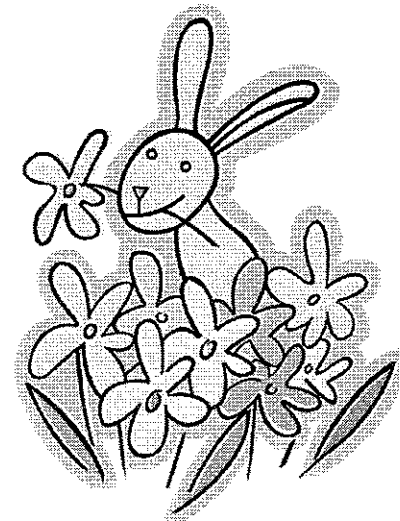
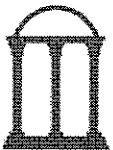
Occasional Cleaning cont.

- ❖ 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



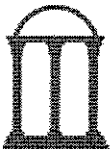
Seasonal Cleaning

- ❖ 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.



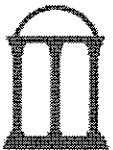
Make Cleaning Go More Smoothly

- ❖ 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).



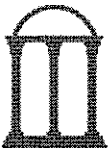
Essential Cleaning Products:

- ❖ 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 don't 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 your self a break
- ❖ Turn on the music and clean!

