

Mastering the Art of Home Cleaning

There's an art to everything. Decorating, cooking...and, yes, cleaning. There are also a few tricks to mastering the art of cleaning. Busy families especially should take note of these, as they can make life a lot easier. And your home a whole lot cleaner.

DON'T: Mix Bleach With Other Cleaning Agents

It's no wonder that 28 percent of household accidents are due to bleach and bleach-containing products. Combining bleach with products like vinegar, rubbing alcohol or ammonia can result in a dangerous chemical reaction, creating harmful fumes and causing skin and eye irritation.

INSTEAD: Find Alternative Solutions

Consider using a natural alternative to bleach. Combining household products like white vinegar with lemon juice or baking soda creates effective solutions that can clean tough spots without corrosion. If using bleach is a must, be sure to avoid mixing it with any other cleaning agents.

DON'T: Spray Before You Wipe

Spraying surfaces that still have crumbs or food particles on them adds moisture that can make the particles sticky and tougher to remove. Not only will this create a bigger mess, but the chemical-covered particles could also make their way into the hands and mouths of little ones or pets.

INSTEAD: Remove Debris First

When cleaning any surface in your home, you should always wipe away debris and dust before using your cleaner to disinfect. Remove debris first, disinfect second. This makes the process much smoother and your home much safer!



DON'T: Misuse Your Vacuum On Hard Surfaces

When vacuuming the floors in your home, it's important to use the correct brush roll speed on the appropriate surface. Using the wrong speed can keep you from getting the optimal clean—and could actually result in a bigger mess. Carpets require a fast brush roll speed to release embedded dirt and capture it from the surface. However, that same speed used on a hard surface—such as tile or hardwood—will scatter the debris, rather than cleaning the mess.

INSTEAD: Select The Optimal Setting On Product

Most vacuums require you to set your brush roll speed manually for optimal performance on different surfaces. Hoover recently designed the Hoover® REACT™ line of vacuums that adjusts brush roll speed automatically. Micro-sensors in the cleaning head instinctively detect a change in floor type and adjust brush roll speed from carpet to hard surfaces and back, enhancing performance across all floor types.

Once you've mastered cleaning, you can get back to what matters most.