

# Day-to-Day SPRING CLEANING PLANNER



## Day 1

### Get Organized and Recruit Help

- Start the week by creating a plan and a team roster!
- Recruit help from the kiddos. Create a chore chart to help keep everyone on task and ensure chores are completed in a timely fashion.
- Take inventory of available cleaning tools and supplies, then purchase the remaining necessary supplies.
- Nice weather? Open some windows to get some fresh air into your home.
- Gear up for your week of cleaning!

## Day 2

### Eliminate the Excess

- First, separate items by room into categories, such as clothes, holiday decorations, bedding, linens, sports equipment, home goods, etc.
- Next, plan to ditch, donate or sell items you don't use or need.
- Finish clearing each space of any objects to allow for thorough cleaning.
- Before organizing and storing, take inventory and rethink storage locations for when the spring cleaning job is finished!

## Day 3

### Initiate the "Top Down" Method

- Once everything is removed from the space, it's time to begin cleaning.
- Start at the top and work your way to the bottom. Go room by room, only focusing on the high objects, furniture and surfaces.
- Use natural glass cleaner to get tall windows and glass surfaces.
- Utilize an extendable duster to get the fans, the tops of door frames and tall furniture.

## Day 4

### Finish Surface Cleaning

- Hold off on the floor cleaning for now. Dust and debris can get agitated and move around the room during the process, so capturing all of the fuzz from desks, tables, lamps and other accessories first can save you a valuable step.
- For bathrooms and kitchens, polish the fixtures and use a non-abrasive cleaner for countertops, backsplashes and tile surfaces.
- Clean and organize the linen closet and cabinets. Get rid of old toiletries and linens.
- Finally, take any rugs in the home and wash them in preparation for floor cleaning.

## Day 5

### Tackle the Floors

- After all of the surfaces and pieces of furniture are cleaned, dust is wiped away and the floors are cleared of objects, use a heavy duty vacuum to suck up dirt from thick carpets and rugs.
- Use the attached tools on your vacuum to capture areas near the floor, i.e. along dust ruffles, under couches and chairs and between furniture.
- For bare floors in the kitchen or bathrooms, start with a thorough washing of the floors. Don't forget behind the toilet!
- Then, use a quick stick vacuum to save time so you can get to the next step.

## Day 6

### Mind the Details

- Don't forget the easy-to-miss areas! Examine the baseboards, spaces between banister columns, windowsills, etc. These seemingly tedious areas can accumulate dust quickly and stand out in a freshly spring-cleaned home.
- Supplement your cleaning with your onboard vacuum tools. If you need to, use a paper towel and some non-abrasive cleaner to clean these nooks and crannies.
- Finish cleaning and check for overlooked spots.

## Day 7

### Find Everything a Home

- The cleaning is done! Now that everything is in order, begin refilling your home.
- Invest in organizing equipment and tools to act as a catch-all for household items such as accessories, sporting equipment, pet products and crafting materials. (Hint: they also hold cleaning supplies.)
- Give the laundry a true "wash" by removing soap scum from washers and dryers.
- Make sure major appliances and alarms are in working order.
- Kick back and relax. Enjoy your clean, comfortable home!