

## Housecleaning Tips

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If this is the time of the year that you just must have the house cleaned until it shines, try not to overdo getting the job done.

You can avoid confusion and a long siege of upset rooms if you decide how you are going to cope with the cleaning job. Decide if you are going to clean by the room or by the job. Cleaning one room at a time may cause the least clutter and confusion. But it means get-

ting the same tools out and doing the job over for each room.

If you clean by the room, start with the walls and the ceiling and decide if they need dusting, washing or re-doing. Finish this before you go on to the windows and curtaining. You may only need to give the curtains a thorough vacuuming. If they need washing or cleaning, take them down, then wash and clean the window frames and the windows.

Next, work on the furnishings. Get rid of any extras that you don't use or need. The less clutter the easier it is to keep things clean. Shampoo upholstered pieces, wax wood pieces and do any refinishing or touch-up jobs.

Last take out any rugs and wash them, shampoo carpets or have them professionally cleaned. For wood floors, clean and wax them.

Cleaning a room at a time upsets only that area and you may be more apt to work at an easy pace.

When you clean by the job that means getting out the tools you need just once. You might wash walls in all the rooms and keep at it until you're finished. You still need to plan your work so you don't overdo physically.

It may be easier to do some jobs like washing windows for the whole house, then do the rest of the clean up in a room at a time.

It may be easier on you

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and your family if you plan some housecleaning for each month of the year. Then you won't have a big push a couple times a year.

### MAKING GOOD USE OF YOUR VACUUM CLEANER TOOLS

Let your vacuum tools help you do a good job of cleaning draperies and upholstered furniture. The crevice tool and upholstery brush are especially helpful for these jobs.

Before you use the upholstery tool clean the brush part by vacuuming it with another tool or by washing it. Usually your direction

book will say that you wash the plastic tools with detergent and water

You won't even need to take draperies down the windows if you use tools. Vacuum the draperies a few times a year and you won't need to go to cleaners so often

Just pull the draperies flat across the windows with the crevice tool to the folds of each. This is where most of the dust gathers. Then, clean upholstery tool, across the front and behind the drapery heading

Complete the rest of draperies with an up-down movement holding drapery with one hand the cleaning brush with

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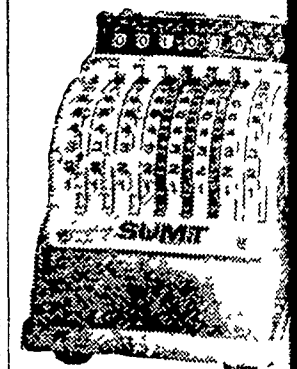
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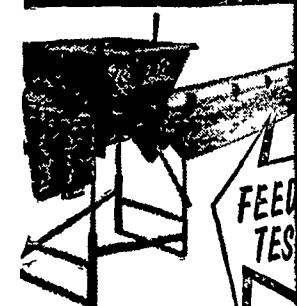
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