

# 10 TIPS FOR SPRING CLEANING

Ring in the spring with these 10 cleaning tips for your home.

1. **Wash your pillows.** Don't spend your nights with dust mites! Wash pillow covers every three weeks. Wash pillows every three months and replace pillows every three years.
2. **Bathe/groom your pets.** Pets leave behind dander and hair that baths, grooming and allergen-removing pet wipes can help control.
3. **Remove your shoes.** Removing your shoes before entering reduces the amount of dirt and pollen you track into your home.
4. **Ditch the vinyl shower curtain.** Vinyl shower curtains exude harmful chemicals in humidity and heat. They also attract mold and mildew, so replace vinyl curtains with nylon ones.
5. **Clean away clutter.** Organize your closet and shelves to make sure everything has a place. Donate clothes and books to clear up more space.
6. **Monitor mold.** Check dishwashers, drains, basements or other spaces that can harbor humidity. Ventilate bathrooms, pantries and rooms that often feel stale and humid.
7. **Steam clean or freeze stuffed animals.** Stuffed animals can harbor dust mites, so either steam clean, use a vacuum upholstery attachment or freeze them in freezer bags for 24 hours.
8. **Clean your refrigerator.** Check expiration dates and toss older food. Pull out drawers and wash them with hot, soapy water, then wipe everything down.
9. **Dust away.** To avoid spreading more dust, try dampening a microfiber cloth instead of traditional dusters.
10. **Clean your rugs.** Rugs harbor more dust than any other place in the house, so vacuum and spot-clean or shampoo them. Make sure they're dry before using them, as wet rugs collect more dirt and dust.

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