
In the Bathroom

The other room in the apartment or house that will need regular cleaning is the bathroom. The toilet, the sink, the bathtub or shower, and the floor all need attention. No one likes to use a dirty bathroom. Keeping the bathroom clean is both sanitary and refreshing.

The tub, toilet, and sink are usually made of porcelain. In newer apartments and homes the tub, shower, and sink may be made of fiberglass. There are cleaning products on the market just for use with fiberglass. Fiberglass scratches much more easily than does porcelain. That's why special care should be taken in cleaning it. Porcelain stains can usually be removed by lots of scrubbing with detergent, cleaners, and bleach.

Ceramic tile is often used in bathrooms. The spaces between the tiles often develop dirt stains. There are several tile and tub cleaners that do a good cleaning job. It probably feels more refreshing to wash in a clean shower than in one that's dirty.

People don't like to use a dirty bathroom. There are several things you can do to brighten it, in addition to scrubbing. An old or cracked toilet seat is easily replaced. It takes about fifteen minutes. A new seat can be purchased for a couple of dollars.

Shower curtains often develop mildew. Mildew is a whitish coating that can grow on most damp objects. A solution of water and baking soda will remove the mildew. To prevent new shower curtains from developing mildew, soak them in salt water for 30 minutes.



Time Out

1. Why wouldn't you use a strong cleanser on a fiberglass sink?

2. What is mildew?



Other Rooms

In the other rooms of the house you will find furniture, glass, rugs, and perhaps curtains. Each item has its own cleaning requirements. Products for cleaning each item are on sale at the local store. For the best results, it is important to read the directions carefully. Some suggestions can be made about cleaning all these items.

1. They all should be treated with care. The better the care they receive, the longer they will last. Dirt and dust will wear away at the useful life of each. It is, therefore, important to keep things clean.
2. Cleaning should be done on a regular basis. How often depends on you. It is your home. Some people "clean house" all the time. Others clean once a week or twice a month. You can best say, what your requirements are. Once you decide, stick with your schedule.
3. In addition to a regular time basis, there is also a method basis. Where do you start? That probably doesn't matter. Some people start with the dusting. They say the dust will settle on the rug or floor. The last thing to clean, then, is the floor. Others clean the rug or floor first. They say if you wait until last for the rug, you will make dust by cleaning it.



Time Out

1. How do you think dirt and dust wears away at furniture and carpets?

2. What things might affect how often a home is cleaned?

3. List the order of how you clean. Explain why you do it that way.