

Skills for Living

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Topic 25-2

Keep it Clean!

- In this topic, you will learn how to keep the home clean, as well as
 - ❖ **Why clean?**
 - ❖ **Cleaning products and equipment**
 - ❖ **Making a cleaning schedule**
 - ❖ **Planning for easy cleaning**

Keep It Clean!

Objectives for Topic 25-2

After studying this topic, you will be able to

- explain reasons for keeping the home clean
- select the right cleaning products and equipment for different household cleaning tasks
- plan a cleaning schedule that involves everyone in your home
- list measures you can take to help make household cleaning easier

Topic 25-2 Terms

❖ pesticides

❖ cleaning agents

❖ cleaning schedule

Why Clean?



- There are many reasons for keeping a home neat and clean
 - ❖ *Health*
 - Cleanliness reduces harmful bacteria
 - ❖ *Safety*
 - Residents of a clean, organized home are less prone to accidents

Why Clean?

❖ *Organization*

- Work and play areas are free of clutter and ready for use

❖ *Efficiency*

- Tools and power equipment that are clean and well maintained work more reliably



Why Clean?

❖ *Pest control*

- Good housekeeping habits are important in the control of rodents, insects, and other pests
- *Pesticides* are strong chemicals designed for pest control

Cleaning Products and Equipment

- Having the right cleaning supplies on hand makes cleaning faster and easier



Household Cleaners

■ *Cleaning agents* are materials used to remove soil

- ❖ soaps
- ❖ detergents
- ❖ alkalies
- ❖ acid cleaners
- ❖ fat solvents
- ❖ fat absorbents
- ❖ abrasives

Waxes and Polishes

- Floor polishes have either a solvent base or a water base
- Furniture polishes for wood are available in sprays, creams, or pastes
- Multipurpose cleaner waxes are used on plastic furniture, countertops, tile, or appliances

Cleaning Tools

■ Cleaning loose dirt

- ❖ broom
- ❖ cloths
- ❖ dust mop
- ❖ dust pan
- ❖ soft-bristled brushes
- ❖ vacuum cleaners

■ Cleaning adhesive dirt

- ❖ lint-free cloths or paper toweling
- ❖ scrub brush
- ❖ soft cloths
- ❖ sponges
- ❖ wet mop

Making a Cleaning Schedule

- *Cleaning schedules* are written plans that identify what tasks must be done, by whom, and how often
- All family members should be included in setting the standards for cleaning
- Write out a schedule by listing cleaning tasks and dividing the workload among the family members

Planning for Easy Cleaning

- Use preventive measures to reduce the amount of dust and dirt that enters the home
 - ❖ Use doormats and foot scrapers at entrances
 - ❖ Keep windows closed on windy days
 - ❖ Change furnace filters often
- Provide adequate storage to reduce clutter

Organize Cleaning Tasks



- There are many ways to make cleaning efforts easier and more efficient
 - ❖ Consider the best time to do the task
 - ❖ Consider the method of cleaning
 - ❖ Consider the order of doing the task

Scheduling General Maintenance

- A plan for regular inspections and maintenance will keep you ahead of costly major repairs
- Conduct inspections weekly, monthly, and seasonally

Summary for Topic 25-2

- Regular care is needed for safety and comfort
- People with busy lifestyles can make cleaning tasks easier by planning ahead
- Preventive maintenance and easy-cleaning decor reduce cleaning time
- Having the right cleaning supplies and equipment make cleaning tasks easier
- Inspecting your home regularly and scheduling general maintenance will save time and money