



The Importance of a Clean Home for Your Health

A Guide for Homeowners and
Property Managers





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The Link Between Cleanliness and Health

This guide has been developed by Cowboys Cleaning for homeowners and property managers to understand the critical link between a clean living environment and overall health, especially for those with existing health conditions.

The goal of this guide is to provide the following:



Provide homeowners with the knowledge to identify health risks associated with an unclean home and best practices to minimize them.



Outline the benefits of regular cleaning for physical and mental well-being.

At the completion of this guide, you will be able to:



Identify common household allergens and how to effectively remove them.



Understand how to disinfect high-touch surfaces to prevent the spread of germs.



Recognize the signs of mold and mildew and know when to seek professional help.



Understand common cleaning terms.



Recognize the benefits of hiring a professional cleaning service for maintaining a healthy home environment.

Common Household Allergens and Irritants

To maintain a healthy home, it's crucial to understand the link between common household allergens and potential health issues. Many particles and organisms can trigger allergies, asthma, and other respiratory problems.

The most common culprits include dust mites, pet dander, pollen, and mold spores. These irritants can accumulate in carpets, upholstery, and bedding. Regular, thorough cleaning is the most effective way to control their presence and improve indoor air quality for everyone, especially those with sensitivities.



Allergen	Common Locations	Cleaning Solutions
Dust Mites	Bedding, Carpets, Upholstery	Hot water wash, HEPA vacuum, Allergen-proof covers
Pet Dander	Furniture, Carpets, Clothing	Frequent vacuuming, Air purifiers, Pet grooming
Pollen	Windows, Clothing, Hair	Close windows, Shower after outdoors, Wipe surfaces
Mold	Bathrooms, Basements, Leaky areas	Bleach solution, Vinegar, Improve ventilation
Cockroach Droppings	Kitchens, Pantries, Under appliances	Boric acid, Baits, Seal cracks and crevices

Cleaning for Better Respiratory Health

For individuals with asthma, allergies, or other respiratory conditions, a clean home isn't a luxury—it's a necessity. Proactive cleaning can significantly reduce triggers and lead to easier breathing and better

Important Steps to Improve Indoor Air Quality

- ♦ Vacuum carpets and upholstery at least twice a week with a HEPA filter vacuum to trap fine particles.
- ♦ Wash all bedding, including sheets, pillowcases, and blankets, in hot water weekly to kill dust mites.
- ♦ Dust surfaces with a damp microfiber cloth to capture dust instead of spreading it into the air.
- ♦ Keep humidity levels below 50% using dehumidifiers or air conditioners to inhibit mold growth.
- ♦ Choose unscented, non-aerosol cleaning products to avoid irritating the respiratory tract.
- ♦ Keep pets out of the bedroom and off furniture to reduce exposure to dander.
- ♦ Regularly clean or replace filters in your HVAC system to ensure clean air circulation.

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Preventing the Spread of Germs and Illnesses

High-Touch Area	Cleaning Frequency	Disinfectant Type
Doorknobs	Daily	EPA-approved spray
Light Switches	Daily	EPA-approved wipes
Faucet Handles	Daily	Multi-surface spray

Cleaning Tips and Best Practices

Efficient and effective cleaning comes down to having the right strategy and tools. Follow these principles for a healthier, cleaner home.

A systematic approach ensures no area is missed:



Clean Top to Bottom

Always start cleaning from the highest point in a room (e.g., ceiling fans, light fixtures) and work your way down. This ensures that any dislodged dust and debris falls to lower surfaces that you haven't cleaned yet.



Use the Right Tools

Microfiber cloths are excellent for trapping dust. A vacuum with a HEPA filter is essential for removing allergens from the air. Using the appropriate, non-toxic cleaners for different surfaces prevents damage and ensures effective sanitation.



Focus on Kitchens

The kitchen is a breeding ground for bacteria. Regularly disinfect countertops, sinks, and cutting boards. Wipe up spills immediately and clean appliance handles and controls daily to prevent cross-contamination and foodborne illnesses.

When to Hire a Professional Cleaning Service



- Access to professional-grade equipment and cleaning solutions for a deeper clean.
- Saves valuable time and energy for busy homeowners and property managers.
- Expertise in safely cleaning various surfaces without causing damage.
- Consistent, reliable service ensures your home is always clean and healthy.
- Reduces the stress and physical strain associated with heavy cleaning tasks.
- Helps manage overwhelming cleaning jobs, such as move-in/move-out or post-renovation cleaning.

Contact Cowboys Cleaning today for a free consultation and estimate!