

5 of our Favourite Spring Cleaning Tips

The weather is warming and so is our desire to invite guests over for catch ups! While you might have a guest list ready to call, you may be forgetting about one other very important list, your spring cleaning checklist! If you haven't brought it out since last Spring, or maybe the one before that, or that... don't panic, we have 5 easy spring cleaning tips for your home. We promise you'll want to show off your newly cleaned home to your friends and family after you're done. Time to get your cleaning fairy wings on!

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Shelves

We all have a few shelves that are stacked with books, articles and random objects. Have a scan over which items you've completely forgotten about, and highlight your most absolute favourite ones that you could never part ways with (give yourself a maximum number of items to keep per shelf, anywhere between 4-10). Gift, donate or toss the rest of them. We can pretty much assure you that if you haven't gotten through the Lord of the Rings Trilogy yet, you won't be doing it anytime soon. Your local library will make great use of any books you don't read, and if you start to have withdrawal symptoms, just borrow it back. Easy! For the objects you've decided to keep - pick half of the remaining items per shelf and pop them into storage. Minimalism is key.



Curtains

We want to maximise that warm, natural sunlight shining into your living room. To do so, mix 1/4 cup white vinegar, 2 cups of water and 2 teaspoons of liquid soap into a spray bottle. Spray this mixture onto as many windows as you can and rub it away with yesterday's paper for a streak-free finish. Don't forget about your curtains, it's just as important to keep them clean. Your washing machine is pretty powerful and can give them a thorough rinse on it's delicate cycle. If your machine isn't big enough to contain your curtains, it's not uncommon to outsource this job to the dry cleaners.

Kitchen

The room that you'll be creating your culinary masterpieces so good that even Matt Preston would be impressed, needs to be kept in tip top shape. Start with the fridge and the obvious - toss out anything expired and make a mental note of what's about to be due and bring these items to the forefront of each shelf so you don't forget about them. Storage containers keep everything tidy and prevent odd smells from wafting out of the fridge each time you open it. For ingredients you want to keep on the counter, colourful accent bowls offset the neutrality of most kitchens and are great holders. Decorative geometric objects add personality and bring a fun energy into the room. Try to colour coordinate these with your accent bowls, think pops of red and yellow for the warmer weather.

Rugs

Rugs have a magical ability to bring a continuous feel throughout a home, while also differentiating rooms from each other. Roll your rugs up and thoroughly mop the area underneath them. Then get your vacuum, (if you haven't yet bought a cordless Dyson vacuum, you are missing out) and burn through yesterday's afternoon cake calories with a thorough swift over your floorboards and carpets. It's never a bad idea to order a deep-clean carpet service for both the floor and your rugs every few years. They'll be so clean afterwards that they'll shine, and so will your pride.

Light Fixtures

Homeowners tend to forget about those gleaming beacons of light that hang from their ceilings. It's so important to keep them clean as they are a defining feature of any room. Mix 1 part vinegar to 3 parts warm water and dip a cloth in. Then, grab your ladder or get one of the kids onto your shoulders and wipe down each fixture. Repeat with a clean, dry cloth immediately after and be ready to feel dazzled by how much more light they'll give off now.

We're sure now that you're done you'll feel inspired to tackle a few other parts of the house. Now that you've done the main ones, give yourself 15 minutes a day to do everything else so your abode sparkles year round. Now it's time to get out that guest list of yours!

