

Housekeeping Checklist

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Daily Chores

- Dishes** Don't let these stack up. Fill a sink with hot soapy water, and let pots and pans soak while you eat - then load the dishwasher right after the meal.
- Laundry** Do small loads two or three times a day to stay on top of things. Small loads make it easier to put away as you go, and decrease wear and tear on your washer and dryer!
- Kitchen** Wipe down counters daily and put away any items causing clutter.
- Bath** Wipe down the sink and toilet with disposable cleaning cloths daily.
- Tidy** Do a walk-through of the house before bed, picking up any items left out.
- Floors** High traffic areas may need vacuuming or sweeping every day or every other day.

Weekly Chores

- Refrigerator** Check contents, discard any outdated items. Wipe shelves down with a damp cloth and attend to any spills.
- Sink** Scour thoroughly and clean spray nozzle and faucet with de-liming solution if needed.
- Bath** Scrub out bathtub, clean toilet thoroughly, and mop floor.
- Dusting** Dust entire house, and wipe down windowsills.
- Floors** Vacuum the entire house after dusting; sweep and mop floors
- Laundry** Catch up on extra laundry and do your ironing.
- Linens** Change sheets and pillowcases on all beds in use.

Monthly Chores

- Lights** Dust light and ceiling fan fixtures and replace any burnt out bulbs.
- Rugs** Shake or wash as needed.
- Windows** Wash windows inside and out, clean curtains or blinds.
- Appliances** Clean all appliances, including removing lint from washer/dryer, wiping down the stove and microwave, cleaning the oven and scrubbing out the refrigerator.
- HVAC** Check and change air conditioning unit or furnace filters if necessary.
- Water filter** Check and exchange if needed.

Seasonal Chores

- Spring** Arrange to have carpets and drapes professionally cleaned
- Summer** Employ a lawn service to keep your yard looking its best.
- Fall** Organize garage and/or tool-shed.
- Winter** Completely clean house - discard or donate unused items.