

# Spring Cleaning in Five Steps

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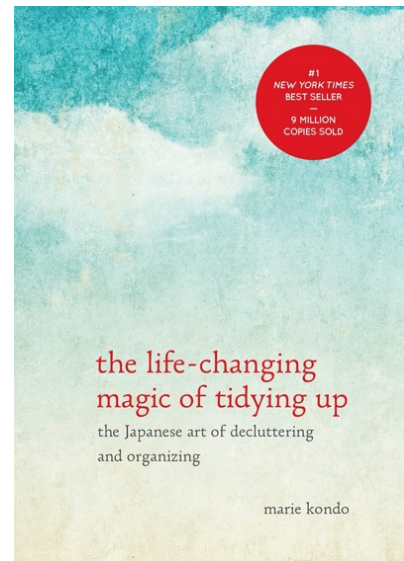
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Spring is a time of blooming and renewal, of waving goodbye to another cold winter. It's also the best time for some good old-fashioned cleaning. [Ninety-one percent of Americans](#) participate in spring cleaning, and you can too, with these five steps.

Although figuring out how to clean and organize your entire home can be discouraging, all it takes is a little forethought and some elbow grease. With this spring cleaning checklist, you can have your home sparkling in time for the warmer months.

## Declutter

The first step to deep cleaning is starting with a blank (or almost-blank) canvas. Open up that junk drawer and gather those clothes off the floor of your closet. Marie Kondo's [\*The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up\*](#) is the perfect resource to help you decide what stays and what goes. Recycle any damaged items and donate all usable ones so they can be loved by others.



## Take It a Room at a Time

Space out your cleaning schedule: Scrub the bathrooms one weekend, the kitchen the next, the bedroom after, and so on. You don't need to get everything done in one day, so take your time and don't burn yourself out on the first weekend. Write down your cleaning plan and hang it on your refrigerator door, so you'll be sure to stick to it.

## Wipe It Down

Using the right cleaners, wipe down every surface you can find, including the refrigerator, bathroom drawers, and windows. [The American Cleaning Institute offers a guide to help you differentiate between surface cleaners.](#) If you don't like the smell of chemical cleaners, there are plenty of natural options that won't irritate your senses.



## Save the Floors for Last

Start by this final step by vacuuming to catch any particles dropped during the earlier cleaning stages. The [ElectroZoom XL's](#) Pop-n-Go canister vacuum is helpful for getting dirt out of tricky corners. Pay special attention to often-forgotten surfaces like light fixtures, windowsills, and seat cushions. Once you've eliminated any dust bunnies, mop and apply a polish to hardwood floors for that just-cleaned shine.

## Enjoy Your Clean Home

Relish the feeling of a clean house and watch the flowers bloom — it's spring at last. Let us know your spring cleaning hacks, from favorite products to wacky techniques, in the comments below.