

Spit-Spot House Cleaning Schedule

Enjoy Your Free-Time Faster

You know what it's like when the weather starts to get nice - you and your family just want to get outside and play! It's difficult staying inside to tackle all those household cleaning jobs when the great outdoors is calling your name.

Between regular chores like laundry and cooking, you've got to keep up with the dusting, scrubbing, sweeping, and vacuuming, or those little chores become big chores and it can get overwhelming.

But, the sun is shining and the birds are chirping! You don't want to stay inside doing house cleaning. What's the answer?

One image comes to mind - Mary Poppins

No, we don't have magic to offer. What we have is common sense. The easiest method to keep a house clean AND be able to get outside to play is to - **Do little daily tasks!**

One of the most successful tactics I've used for getting and keeping the house clean while the warm weather tugs at me is to do little daily tasks.

Yes, keeping up with the cleaning on a daily basis DOES make each task go faster. It's something we all know, but sometimes resist; and when we resist doing these daily tasks we find ourselves inside spending more time than we wanted to doing chores. These chores could have been done faster if we had only done them when they were smaller. Grandma was right, and so was Mary Poppins!

Sure, you will still need to take a day or so to cover the heavy cleaning once or twice a month. But just a quick scrub or polish each day can help even the big jobs go faster, helping you enjoy each glorious day quicker – spit spot!

Where to start

We know that systems work better than going willy-nilly about our chores. That's why I've developed a daily schedule for my family, and I'm sharing it to you.

A 'tidy up' schedule is something everyone in the family can get involved in. Tack this schedule, or one of your own, on the refrigerator door or a bulletin board in the kitchen or utility room. Then, you'll be able to point each worker in the right direction, meeting up in no time to head out the door.

You may even want to have your cleaning supplies and tools organized according to each day's duties. Perhaps a bucket for each day of the week, with rags, cleaners, brushes or whatever the day calls for.

Once you experience a 'spit spot' cleaning schedule, you'll find your big cleaning days are few and far between. And, won't that be wonderful!

When the birds are chirping and the sky is blue, you don't want to be stuck inside scrubbing and sweeping. Go on outside and play! Your housework is done – Spit Spot!

The Spit-Spot Daily Task Schedule

Monday

- put away games, videos, movies, etc.
- sweep and damp mop kitchen floor
- spray and wipe down bathroom counters, sinks, and mirrors

Tuesday

- restock bathroom paper supplies
- clean toilets
- take dirty clothes to laundry area

Wednesday

- pick up clutter in living area
- dust living area
- vacuum living area

Thursday

- shake rugs in entry
- sweep and damp mop entry way
- clean and polish dining room table

Friday

- take dirty clothes to laundry area
- wipe up bathroom floor
- take dirty bath towels to laundry

Saturday

- throw towels in washer/dryer
- strip beds and take sheets to laundry
- wipe up kitchen floor

Sunday

- put laundry away
- pick up clutter in entry way
- vacuum living area