

Cleaning a Room

Practical skills

The order that avoids doing the same work twice.

Order matters more than product choice.

1

Declutter first

You cannot clean around objects efficiently.

2

Dust from the top down

Everything falls. Cleaning the floor first wastes it.

3

Dry before wet

Vacuum before mopping; dust before wiping.

4

Work back to front

Toward the door, so you do not walk over clean floor.

5

Let products dwell

Most cleaners need minutes to work. Spraying and wiping does little.

DWELL TIMES

Limescale remover: 5–10 minutes

Oven cleaner: as stated, often hours

Disinfectant: 30 seconds to several minutes wet

Reading the dwell time on the bottle is the largest free improvement available in cleaning.