

How to clean up quickly before company arrives

The phone rings. Company's dropping by for an unexpected visit and you're in a panic. You only have 30 minutes to get the house in order — what do you tackle first? Here is an easy-to-follow schedule to help keep you calm as you clean-up.

30 Minutes Before Guests Arrive

Clutter is the best way to make a bad first impression. Remove clutter from tables, countertops and furniture by stashing everything in a basket and hiding it in a closet. Don't forget to get the basket out of the closet later and put everything in its right place!

Are dirty dishes filling up your sink? Put them straight in the dishwasher— no need to rinse them off if you use a good detergent like Palmolive. Don't start the dishwasher until after your guests leave. The sound can be disruptive to conversation.

Unmade beds look sloppy, so quickly make the beds and fluff the pillows for a finished look.

20 Minutes Before Guests Arrive

You don't have time to pull out several different cleaning products or worry about which product cleans

what. You need an all-purpose cleaner that is safe on most surfaces like Murphy Oil Soap.

Spray a pair of old socks with Murphy Oil Soap, place them on your hands, and wipe away dust on all surfaces in every room of the house. Using both hands, you can clean twice as fast. Dust and dirt will cling to the socks, which you can throw away or toss in the wash when you are finished.

Use Murphy's in the bathroom to freshen the tile, sink and vanity areas. Pour a few drops of it into the toilet, swish around with a brush and flush. Not only will your bathroom be spotless, but it will also smell great, too!

10 Minutes Before Guests Arrive

Pull out the vacuum and quickly run over high-traffic areas. Dust bunnies may have appeared on your carpet after your whirlwind dusting through the house.

3 Minutes Until Guests Arrive

Turn on some music and take a deep breath. Smile! Now, you're ready for company.

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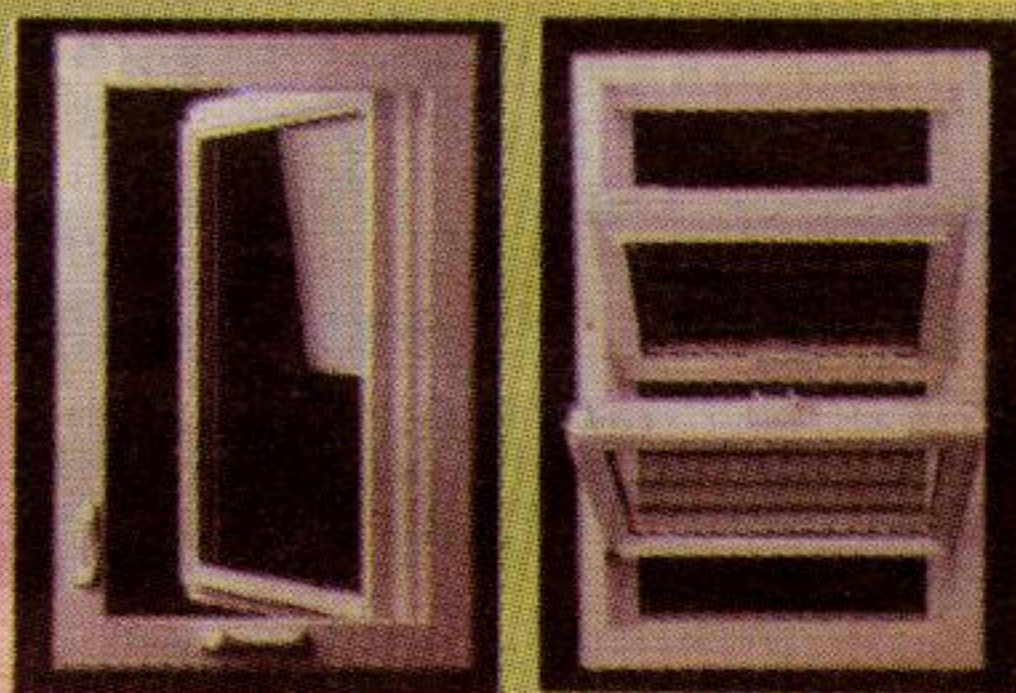


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