

HIGHLAND PARK
HOUSEKEEPING

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SPOT CHECK
GUIDE





The Spot Check Guide

You know to vacuum your floors and wipe down your counters, but how does a home get that professionally cleaned, housekeeper-just-left-feel?

Here's the secret:
it's all in the details.



1. Ceiling fans

A dirty ceiling fan will spread dust and grime all around a room with the flip of a switch. You'll need a **ladder** to check this area, plus these things below:



Microfiber
Towel



All-Purpose
Cleaner



Ladder

Wet a microfiber and wring it out. Then, spray it with 2-3 spritzes of your favorite All-Purpose Cleaner. First, clean your fan by starting in the center and working your way to the edges of the blades. Then, move on to the rest of the room so you can clean up any fallen dust or dirt.



2. Light Fixtures

To check this area, grab a ladder and flip on your lights. This will help you see any dust that's collecting and falling down into the air you breathe. Here's what you'll need:



Microfiber
Towel



All-Purpose
Cleaner



Ladder

Follow the same process as with the ceiling fan, wiping from the inside out to the ends of your fixture. Again, you'll want to clean these high-up items first so you can tackle any fallen dust later.



3. Tops of Art / Picture Frames

This one's self-explanatory — a simple sight or swipe test will do. Time to spot clean? Here's what you'll need:



**Microfiber
Towel**



**All-Purpose
Cleaner**

Wet your Microfiber and wring it out until it's just damp. Spray with 2-3 spritzes of All-Purpose Cleaner, then gently wipe away any dust.



4. Top of Refrigerator

Rarely cleaned and frighteningly close to food, this one will definitely need a spot check. Here's what you'll need:



Microfiber
Towel



All-Purpose
Cleaner



Ladder

Spray your damp Microfiber with 2-3 spritzes of All-Purpose cleaner. Then, carefully climb your ladder and wipe down the area.



5. Corners & Edges of Kitchen Countertops

These spots are hard to reach and home to hidden messes. A sight or swipe test will do. Spot clean needed? Most likely. First, grab these:



Microfiber Towel



All-Purpose Cleaner

If you're using a Microfiber, wet it, wring it out, and spray with 2-3 spritzes of All-Purpose Cleaner. Pro-Tip: for an extra sticky mess, use a Scrubber Sponge and Dish Washing Soap instead.



6. Shower Items

Grime and gunk loves to gather underneath your favorite shampoo bottles, leaving an icky ring on your shower shelf. To get rid of this, grab these things:



Scrubber
Sponge



Dish Washing
Soap

Fill your bathroom sink with warm water and little dish washing soap. Dunk your sponge in the soapy water and scrub your shower shelves until they shine.



7. Decorative Items

Chances are there's a dust colony assembling under your favorite lamp, vase or potpourri bowl. So pick 'em up and wipe 'em down! You'll need:



**Microfiber
Towel**



**All-Purpose
Cleaner**

Spray your damp Microfiber with your All-Purpose Cleaner. Use your best judgement here and only wipe as firmly as is appropriate for each item. A few gentle strokes will do the trick.



8. Under Sofa Cushions

Pull your cushions all the way off the couch and set aside. Check for crumbs, dust, dirt and other buried mess. Looks clean? Run your hand across it — it may be dirtier than it looks. If you decide it's time to clean, here's what you'll need:



Vacuum Cleaner
(upholstery attachment is best)

Vacuum the area starting with the edges and crevices. Then, cover the middle in thorough strokes.



9. Baseboards

Ready for the true test of cleanliness? Run a finger over the top of your baseboards to check for dust and dirt. Spot clean needed? Then grab these:



Vacuum
Cleaner

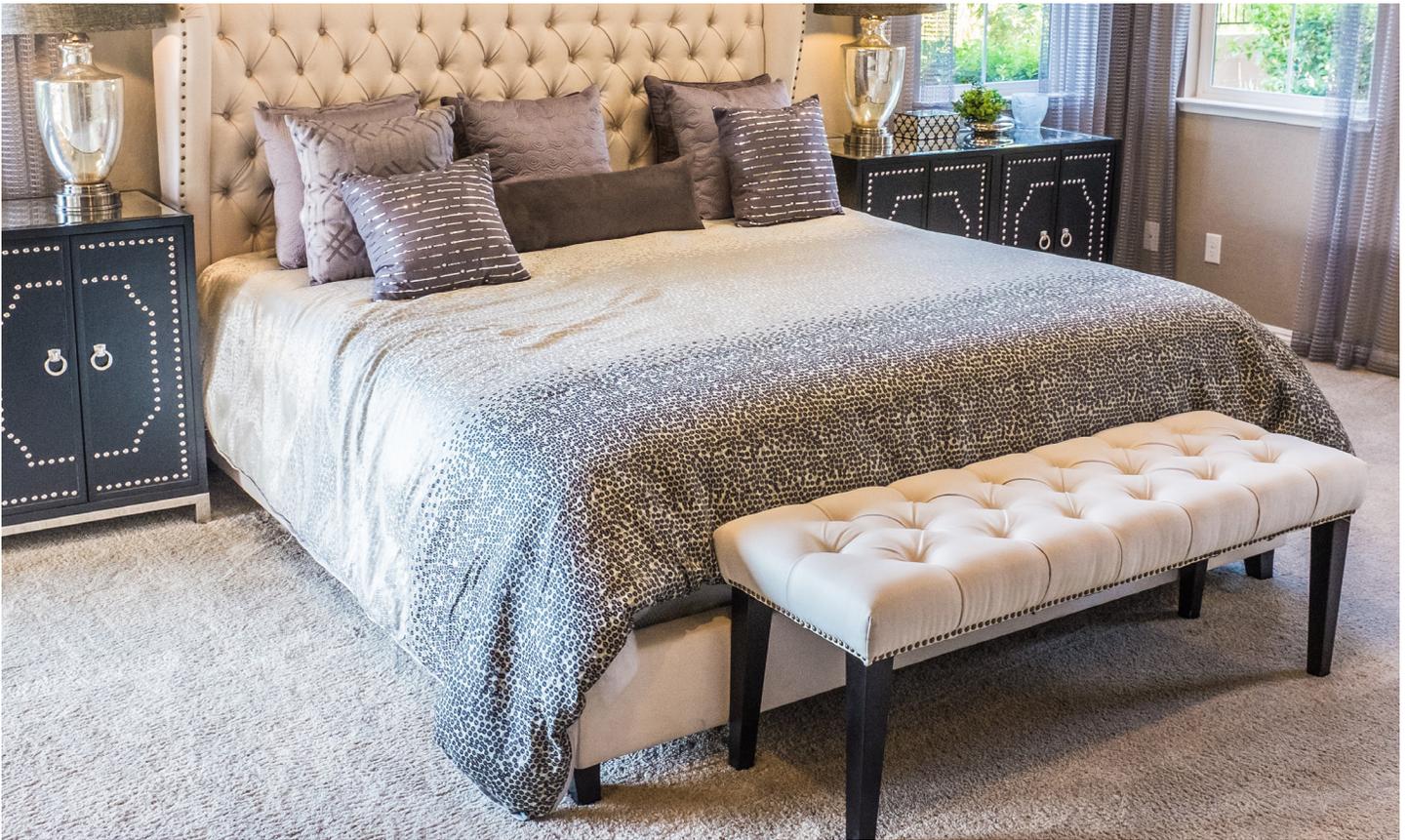


Microfiber
Towel



All-Purpose
Cleaner

First, vacuum your baseboards, focusing on ridges and edges that could collect extra dust. When you're done, wipe them down with a damp Microfiber Towel spritzed with All-Purpose Cleaner. For stubborn scuffs or black marks try a Magic Eraser,



10. Under the Bed

Hello, dust bunnies! Clear the sock you've been missing for six months out of the way, then grab these:



**Vacuum
Cleaner**



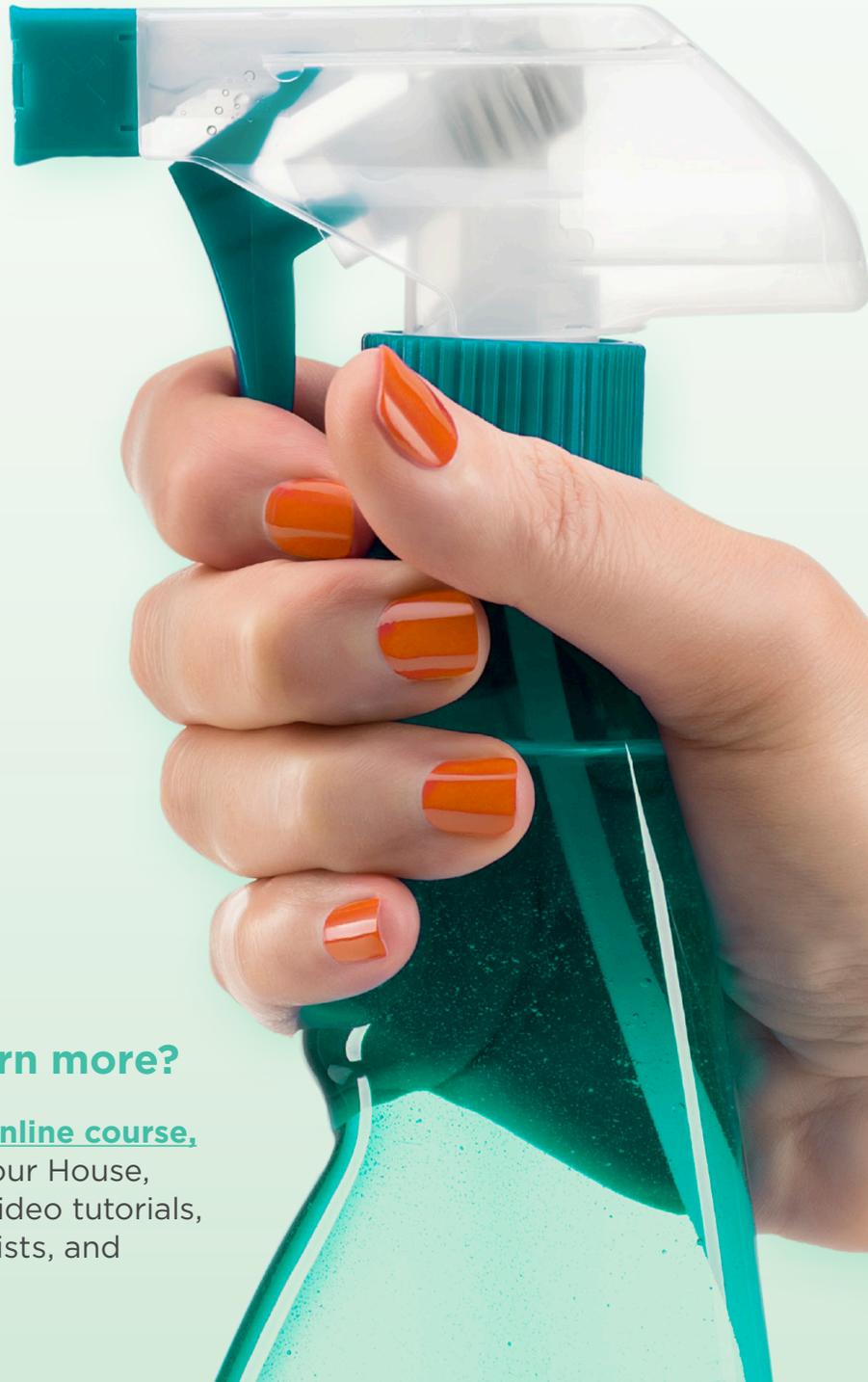
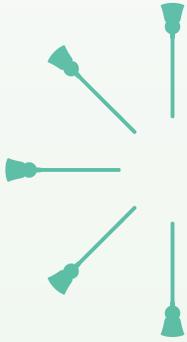
Mop
(if you've got
hard surface
floors)



**Microfiber
Towel & Cleaner**

Start with vacuuming first, paying special attention to areas up against walls. If you've got hardwood or other non-carpeted floors, follow up with a mop. For an extra detailed clean, grab your damp Microfiber and All-Purpose Cleaner, then polish the feet of the bed and the area around them. Dust and dirt can accumulate here.

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