

How to clean the items that clean your house

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The toilets are scrubbed, the dishes are washed and the floors are spotless. But the house cleaning isn't over yet – it's time to clean your cleaning tools. Sponges, brooms, mops and toilet brushes work hard around our homes, but if they're not clean, they aren't as efficient as they can be.

Some of the gunk and debris on these items are obvious, but there's more dirt and germs lurking where we can't see. Items that get into the nitty-gritty, like toilet brushes and mops, should be properly cleaned and dried after each use, whereas items like brooms and sponges can go a little longer without needing a deep clean.

How to clean a broom

Brooms only need to be cleaned about every three months. You can easily clean the handle with a thorough pass using a disinfecting wipe.



Mops and brooms need to be cleaned regularly. PROBLEMSOLVED/USA TODAY NETWORK

The bristles need a little more work. Many brush heads can be unscrewed or twisted off the handle for easier cleaning. Start by removing the obvious stuff: dirt, hair and dust bunnies.

Next, put the brush head in a mix of warm water, bleach and dish soap. Gently sweep it back and forth to get the bristles wet before letting it soak for 30 minutes. The broom head should not be submerged in the water – just the bot-

tom half of the bristles. Rinse it and let it dry outside in a sunny spot.

How to clean a mop head

If your mop water is dirty by the time you finish your floors, just imagine how dirty your mop head is. The best time to clean your mop is right after you finish mopping.

Empty the dirty water bucket, rinse it out and replace it with clean, hot water. Add a splash of vinegar and let the mop soak for five minutes. Rinse it with clean water and dump the dirty water down the toilet – not the sink.

To sanitize the mop, soak it in equal parts bleach and water for 15 minutes. Give it a thorough rinse to remove all the bleach and let it dry completely.

How to clean a toilet brush

The best time to clean a toilet brush is right after you clean the toilet bowl.

Hold the brush over the bowl and pour disinfectant over it. Let it soak in a

mixture of disinfectant and water for five minutes. Flush the toilet to rinse the brush, and swish it in the clean water.

Let the brush air-dry completely before storing. A simple way to do this is to rest the handle between the bowl and toilet seat so the brush is suspended and any drips fall into the toilet.

How to clean sponges, dish brush

Sponges should be cleaned once a week and replaced every 2-3 weeks.

Sponges and dish brushes are often kept moist, which makes them the perfect vessels for harboring bacteria or growing mold. Thoroughly rinse them, wring out sponges after each use and let them air-dry in an open space. You can also pat brushes on towels or paper towels to expedite the drying process.

To disinfect a sponge, soak it in bleach for five minutes and thoroughly rinse with clean water.

For a faster solution, throw your sponge and dishwasher-safe brush in the dishwasher on the sanitize setting.

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LIVING TRUST | 1,370 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$275,000**
7905 EDSEL LN, PETERS NATHANIEL to GONZALEZ ADRIEL TIRADO | 1,850 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$261,000**
9929 GALE ST, FISCHER HOMES LOUISVILLE to CLIMACO GEORGINA I | 1,987 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$366,783**
10119 VISTA SPRINGS WAY, GILBERT HEATHER L to HIGGINS BRENDA F | 2,168 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$350,000**
8802 MOUNT EASTES LN, BEARD DEENA F to PENA ZORAYA RAMOS | 2,530 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$299,900**
10808 BLACKSMITH RD, MWG INVESTMENTS II to WADDELL ASHLEY | 4,252 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$485,000**
40299
1309 WILLOW BEND PL, MIKEL LINDA S to FLOOD MARSHALL JOSEPH | 5,012 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$590,999**
3806 LANDHERR DR, REYNOLDS SHARON to SANDERS DONALD | 4,108 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$465,100**
3116 GRAND LAKES DR, DAVIS MELANIE S to DAVID BRUCE LYNN & ELIZABETH ANNE | 4,060 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$618,000**
12602 COFFEE TREE PL, SANCHEZ DAYANNA P PALACIO to MURPHY TYLER W | 3,294 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$410,000**
3311 MARDALE DR, MURPHY TYLER to JACOBS NINA | 1,183 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$252,500**
10015 HARLECH LN, STRANGE SUSAN M to DAVIS JAMES M | 925 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$230,500**
4008 THOMAS FARM DR, DOVE POINT ESTATES to STONELAKE HOMES | 5,214 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$124,900**
4504 TEENEY LEIGH CT, DOVE POINT ESTATES to STONELAKE HOMES | 5,166 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$119,000**
12011 DIXON PARK BLVD, GOLDSTEIN MARK D to GERDING STEPHANIE MICHELE | 4,067 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$520,000**
12408 KIRKHAM RD, AARON SARAH to PERKINS KENNETH OWEN | 3,712 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$460,000**
9619 GLENAWYN CIR, SOARDS DAVID Y to REYES LEONEL Z | 1850 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$210,000**
10504 FAIRVIEW AVE, AUSNOW ROBERT W to SANTANA OSCAR M RIVERO | 1,674 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$230,000**
4114 LEO LN, BURDETTE TRISHA D to SMITH MICHAEL | 962 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$226,000**
8411 AMBROSSE LN, UNIT104, ABNEY CYNTHIA to MILLER CHAYTON JAMES | 1,070 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$217,000**

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40047
115 WOODED GLEN DR, ALLEN & NOPPER INC D/B/A SHAMROCK to WELDON KRYS-TAL E & STEVEN L | 3,620 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$540,500**
144 MEADOW ROSE LN, STILTS CHRISTOPHER & GREEN STEPHANIE to CURLEY SCOTT & DEBORAH | 2,822 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$453,000**
140 HUBBARDS CROSSING DR, WELDON STEVEN to BURKHARDT JORDAN E & JARON | 2,356 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$385,000**
294 CORNELL AVE, RAMEY LISA to JOHN-SON TERI | 1,341 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$259,000**
401 BERGER FARM DR, ALLEN PAMELA J to ALLEN PAMELA J & BYRD JAMES | 2,578 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$254,900**
4306 FLATLICK RD, REYNOLDS CHRISTOPHER to REYNOLDS CHRISTOPHER | 1,125 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$138,000**
236 JOHN AUSTIN LN, RUNION MICHAEL A to MICHAEL ALLEN RUNION LIVING TRUS | 2,828 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$194,044**
1331 WATERFORD RD, BUTTERWORTH FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST to BUTTERWORTH FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST | 2,842 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$197,342**

2666 GREENBRIAR RD, JAMES JEWELL CUSTOM HOMES & REMODELING to AMES JEWELL CUSTOM HOMES & REMODELING & SIMPSON CRAIG & TERRI | 2,173 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$500,000**
160 SWITCHGRASS LN, FISCHER HOMES LOUISVILLE to WOODHOUSE MICHAEL J & KATHRYN & ANDERSON LANA | 2,205 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$354,990**
505 FISHER LN, SAYLOR DAVID E SR & LINDA L to SAYLOR DAVID E SR & TINA MARIE | 2,261 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$296,603**
172 MEADOW ROSE LN, FISCHER HOMES LOUISVILLE to BROOKS JOE LEONARD | 3,024 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$472,158**
111 PRESERVES BLVD, FISCHER HOMES LOUISVILLE to PREVETTE MATTHEW S & KELSEY O | 4,548 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$453,990**
136 HALCOMB CT, HOYING KURT J to HOYING MELISSA | 3,512 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$350,000**
156 SWITCHGRASS LN, FISCHER HOMES LOUISVILLE to GIBBONS KELLI L & MATTHEW J | 2,205 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$338,990**
123 SWEETSPIRE DR, DISTINCTIVE PROPERTIES INC to WIMSATT LISA A | 1,306 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$300,000**
126 DEER PARK WAY, MILES RODNEY & SALLEE ANNE to DONAHUE BRADLEY | 2,332 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$277,000**
115 BRADFORD PL, BARGAR RITA to BRUMLEY BONITA | 1,582 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$265,000**
114 FILLMORE CIR, MCMILLEN VALERIE N to MEYERS JACOB R & VALERIE N | 1,375 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$250,000**
40071
5357 KINGS CHURCH RD, AMSDEN DYLAN ANTHONY & STEPHANIE to SCHMIDT JEREMY C & ANDREA C | 1,860 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$355,000**
40150
196 MILLERS RIDGE, PATENAUDE AUSTIN TYLER to CUNDIFF JOSHUA C | 934 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$215,000**
283 TURNPIKE LN, HILL LARRY D JR to HAUGAARD MATTHEW TIMOTHY & JULIA | 1,281 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$274,900**
512 CHURCH ST, FLORES ADALID CANO to DEAN CRYSTAL & WARREN TIMMY MCCLAIN | 1,527 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$253,380**
40165
103 GOLDENEYE CT, WADDELL ASHLEY BRENT to SANCHEZ DAYANNA P PALACIO | 2,038 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$355,000**
4908 HICKORY HOLLOW LN, BECK DONALD S & BEVERLY to REVOCABLE LIV TRUST OF BEVERLY ANN BECK | 1,614 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$217,826**
3306 PIONEER TRL, SCHAEFER GREG to GB&TD BULL | 816 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$114,300**
496 JACKIE WAY, MOORE LOUANN to GRUBBS KYLE T | 2,700 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$305,000**
161 ALEK AVE, GREGORY ROBERT E to OWEN CRYSTAL DAWN | 1,300 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$255,000**
212 CLEARBROOK DR, CECIL JOHN F to CECIL FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST | 2,570 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$167,627**
4813 FOX CHASE DR, CHAMBERLAIN PROPS LLC & HOBACK PROPS to HUME CHARLES & TWANA | 3,200 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$370,000**
495 NANCY DR, WILSON GARY to WOODS NOE C & BILLIE LEIGH | 1,808 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$305,000**
469 NANCY DR, RETHIYAMMA REKHA to AVRZBZ | 2,292 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$283,990**
302 JACKSON HILL RD, ASHBY DEVIN N & JORDAN to WILSON ANNA THOMAS & CODY | 1,728 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$259,000**
117 OLD SPRINGHOUSE RD, SULLIVAN KARLA to SULLIVAN JACK L JR & KARLA E | 1,777 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$182,000**
173 MILES DR, BRUECK TYLER S to DUMPLIN PROPERTIES | 1,032 sq ft | 07/11/

2025 | **\$125,000**
40229
140 WISE CT, LEWIS DAVID A & SANDERS HAYDEN to VIVACIOUS LIVING | 2,824 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$180,148**
754 SHADY BROOK LN, KING DELORIS J & JAMES F to KING DELORIS J | 1,496 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$225,000**
1057 HILLVIEW BLVD, ROBESON RENTALS to PHILLIPS JAMES ETHAN | 925 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$210,000**
124 IROQUOIS CT, BRUMLEY JERRY B to VIRES CINDY & DANNY | 1,664 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$263,000**
12418 SPRING LEAF CT, HIBBS HEATHER G TRUSTEE to PERDUE FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST | 1,443 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$245,000**
12508 SPRINGFALLS CT, RUCKER ELSIE J to SAULTZMAN FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST | 1,443 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$225,000**
221 ALLISON CT, HOWARD MAXANN R & PAUL G to ASHBY DEVIN N & JORDAN K | 1,125 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$220,000**
230 S SKYLINE DR, SILVER LINING PROPERTIES to THOMPSON WILLIAM CRAIG | 1075 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$175,000**
12638 SPRING HAVEN CT, BARRY DOROTHY A & LONG QUINT M to LONG QUINT M & KOSANOUVONG KHAMISING | 1,408 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$120,200**
40299
798 DAWSON HILL RD, SPINK CARLTON KEITH to SPINK COURTNEY & COLLARD ROBERT | 2,414 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$192,000**

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40014
6912 WILLIAMSGATE BLVD, INGRIM TRENTON RAY & VERONICA D to STOPHER JOSHUA & SAMANTHA JO | 3,030 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$525,000**
5707 BLUEBERRY DR, GAJEWSKI BARRY G to SAMUELSON JOSHUA CARL & VAL-ENTINE | 1,875 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$425,500**
7005 WALTON WAY, KIRK KENNETH MARK & ROBERTA JEAN to QUIGLEY PETER & MACKENZIE | 3,229 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$885,000**
6812 CHIMNEY HILL RD, CAPALBO MAUREEN to WARNER BRENDA | 2,345 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$575,000**
6314 CHAMPION OAK DR, CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC to AUSTIN MELVIN CLARENCE II & NICOLE A | 2,574 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$574,541**
6825 MEADOWS BEND CT, DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MUTISTATE 2 to CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC | 2,817 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$574,541**
6822 MEADOWS BEND CT, DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MUTISTATE 2 to CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC | 2,363 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$574,541**
6812 MEADOWS BEND CT, DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MUTISTATE 2 to CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC | 2,190 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$574,541**
6828 MEADOWS BEND CT, DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MUTISTATE 2 to CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC | 2,453 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$574,541**
6307 CHAMPION OAK DR, DOMAIN TIMBERLAKE MUTISTATE 2 to CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC | 2,549 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$574,541**
7202 APPLEWOOD RD, EADENS AMANDA & JEREMY to HOFFMAN SARAH & BEAU JOHN ALBERT | 1,879 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$515,000**
6511 GIBSON WAY, CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP INC to STEVENS BARRY SCOTT & ELIZABETH A | 2,636 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$755,217**
6521 CLAYMONT VILLAGE DR, PANARETOS ALEXANDRA MARIA to PATEL RAVIKUMAR NATVARLAL | 1,866 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$570,000**
7208 SUNSET LN, FINE HOME BUILDERS to DR MEREDITH BUILDER | 3,926 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$190,000**

7800 LOUISVILLE POST RD, SHELTER GROWTH FUND to DANDY DEALINGS | 950 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$210,000**
40026
1309 S BUCKEYE LN, TAFT ALEXANDER T JR & ANN C to BLACK DONALD J & MAND JONATHAN N | 3,600 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$910,000**
1203 CLIFFWOOD DR, PAQUIN BRADY J & ALYSSA to LLOYD SEAN & CARA | 1,376 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$350,000**
13011 LOST TRAIL, WILLIAMS THOMAS WAYNE to NALLEY LARRY J SR | 1,801 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$250,000**
13003 HAMPTON CIR, FADEL DANA PETTY & CHRISTOPHER M to PARK KYOUNG KI & KIM AERAN | 3,750 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$1,150,000**
1047 ROLLINGWOOD LN, BLANCETT BRUCE G & KATY E to MEIER MITCHELL E & PHILLIPS MORGAN C | 1,250 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$289,000**
40031
1606 BETANCES CT, BRUCE DARLENE A to AJ PROPERTY RENTALS LLP & RUPA | 1,196 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$20,000**
920 WOODLAND RIDGE CIR, K&N REAL ESTATE to K&N REAL ESTATE | 1,466 sq ft | 07/08/2025 | **\$211,000**
3602 ALEXANDER DR, HEAVRIN JAMES LAMAR & ELLEN H to STRINGFELLOW KIMOTHY ROSS & DEBRA LE | 2,356 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$550,000**
3623 ECHO VALLEY CIR, PEAVLER LEAH & DUSTIN to MOSES TORI ALEXANDREA & PUSEY DANIEL | 1,468 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$400,000**
1009 CHERRY RIDGE RUN, LUSH SARAH to PRINCE JUSTIN KANE & THIEL SARAH | 2,043 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$395,000**
206 WOODLAND LAKES DR, MOSES TORI A to MSG PROPERTIES | 1,295 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$255,000**
2308 DOGWOOD CROSS RD, MARTIN BASIL T JR & PATRICIA K to MASON JOHN J IV & MASON CRYSTAL | 1,868 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$425,000**
1130 CHERRY HOLLOW RD, WHEALTON ALEXANDER & ASHLEY to HORTON TINA M | 2,106 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$420,000**
3011 CHERRY GLEN DR, CHERRY GLEN SEC 4 to SMITH GEORGE | 2,662 sq ft | 07/10/2025 | **\$400,000**
905 ARTISAN PKWY, LUPIEN DAVID J & JOYCE M to OLGINE ROBIN JAYNE & RICKY MARTIN | 2,450 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$555,000**
523 TALBOTT BLVD, JOHNSON JONATHAN B & BRYLEY to HILL BEN TIMOTHY & WHITNEY ANN | 2,316 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$475,000**
7008 TIP TOP CT, GROOM DANIEL S & KATIE L to CLAYTON KIAH & SARAH H | 2,251 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$460,000**
801 ARTISAN PKWY, SHADOW CREEK REALTY to PAGE ALGIE KEVIN & JANET | 1,820 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$420,000**
406 N FIRST AVE, JUMPER JOHN to LOWERY CARTER JACK & STIERLE ANASOFI | 816 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$135,000**
402 HORTON RD, ROBERT J MAY & TAMI MAY SZESZULSKI to HARDT PROPERTIES | 1,040 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$77,000**
40059
11413 RIVER BEAUTY LOOP, PEARCE LINDA & DAVID to CASON DAVID & HENLEY AMY | 3,054 sq ft | 07/07/2025 | **\$1,560,000**
12812 RIDGEMOOR DR, AMERICAN ESCROW & CLOSING COMPANY to NELSON ERIN & BUBALO GREGORY JOE | 3,639 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$1,190,000**
10513 MOUNTAIN ASH LN, NATIONAL RESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SERVICE to STIEBLING CLAIRA & TYLER | 2,864 sq ft | 07/09/2025 | **\$612,000**
13308 CREEKVIEW RD, CARTUS FINANCIAL CORPORATION to HEINY KEVIN & AMY | 2,513 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$525,000**
6407 SPRING BEAUTY LN, NORTON COMMONS SEC 1B to BENTLEY CONSTRUCTION | 3,320 sq ft | 07/11/2025 | **\$246,000**
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