

# THINGS WE OUGHT TO BE CLEANING ANNUALLY



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A new year brings with it a new opportunity to start on a fresh slate. Get the year off to the right start by completing your list of annual household chores before the year runs away from you. As irksome as these chores might be, neglecting them will inevitably result in costly repairs and the overall devaluing of your property. To protect the investment value of your home and prolong the lifespan of the furniture therein, here are a few features that ought to be cleaned on an annual basis:

## APPLIANCES

It might seem a touch ironic, but the machines that help keep your home clean also need cleaning. Things like washing machines, dishwashers and tumble dryers ought to be cleaned at the very least on an annual basis. You can also use this opportunity to unplug and remove the appliance from where it normally stands and clean the build-up of dirt around it.

## GUTTERS & ROOF TILES

Out of sight might be out of mind, but you'd be surprised at how much dirt and debris can accumulate in your gutters. While these ought to be cleaned annually to prevent blockages, your roof tiles should also be cleaned with a high-pressure hose every two to three years to avoid a build-up of mould which could result in leaks and other damages.

## COUCHES , MATTRESSES & CARPETS

Dust mites and bed bugs can pose serious health risks to everyone in your household. To avoid them nesting in your home, it is advisable to get all fabric-covered furniture as well as carpets professionally cleaned each year.

## CUPBOARDS

By far one of the least desirable chores of them all has to be unpacking bedroom, laundry and kitchen cupboards to give the surfaces a much-needed wipe down. Spills happen all the time and can leave cupboard surfaces stained and mouldy. To prevent damage, it is advisable to endure this laborious task at least once a year.