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# How to Eliminate Dust From Every Surface in Your Home

Nine tricks to properly to banish those annoying flecks of dirt and grime

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Dust can be almost poetic—a dust of powder across the cheeks or a dusting of snow on the trees—but the quotidian necessity of how to eliminate dust is not. Household dust is made up of the detritus of our everyday lives and everyday selves: dirt, soil particles,

pollutants, dead skin cells, hair, pet dander, bits of bugs, dust mites, clothing fibers, even microplastics that settle on your furniture, into your carpets and curtains, or on lamps and fans. Dust contains contaminants and chemicals from the objects in our houses, so it's important to dust, and dust the right way.

But knowing how to eliminate dust is more than dancing with a feather duster. It's a cleaning task many people are doing incorrectly, according to expert Jeri Fritz, founder and owner of Highland Park Housekeeping in Dallas. "The wrong way to dust is to start on whatever surface you see first, like the dresser or shelf," she says. "The right way is to clean from the top down, including vents, ceiling fan, light fixtures, and artwork, because as soon as the heating or AC turns on, it will blow all that dust around."

And don't just start at the top of the room; start at the top of the house. Koala Eco cofounder Jessica Bragdon says, "It's always best to begin with the upper rooms and send the dust and clutter downwards." And always vacuum up the dust that settles on the floor afterwards. Keeping your house well-dusted is important for your and your family's health and will make your home look clean, even if you still have to declutter a room or two. Here, nine spots to tackle as you eliminate dust from your house.



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For the most part, you can wipe all wood furniture with a clean microfiber towel. Branch Basics The Concentrate multipurpose cleaner can be diluted with water and used on wood coffee tables, dining spaces, and everything in between. Alternatively, Koala Eco mild dishwashing liquid with essential oils, also diluted with water, works as a natural polish for your wood furniture. To feed the wood, you'll need a light oil. A tiny amount of avocado oil will treat and nourish your wood, according to Fritz.