

## 9 living room cleaning tips

Learn how to clean your living room from top to bottom with our handy checklist.

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The living room is easily one of the most frequented rooms in a home, and one that can easily become messy. It's a space for entertaining friends and family, and a place to relax after a long day. Therefore, it deserves some extra attention when you're tidying up.

If your living room is in need of a good [spring clean](#), these 9 easy ideas will ensure it's looking and feeling its absolute best.



## DE-CLUTTER

The living room is a classic area for junk to gather and it's important to move items back into rooms where they belong. Consider investing in a shelving unit with doors (which will hide away any unwanted items in a flash) or actively [developing habits](#) to be mindful about the items you bring into your home: do you really need it? Are you prepared to dust it regularly?

## CUSHION COVERS AND THROW RUGS

Wash or dry clean cushion covers and throw rugs. [Throw rugs](#) should be cleaned once every two weeks (to be safe) on a gentle cycle in cold water. Leave to air dry.

## SURFACES

Dust and wipe down all surfaces including; curtains, blinds, skirting boards, cornices, light fittings, ceiling fans, air-conditioning vents. Consider investing in an air-purifying unit or fan. This will help to keep your living room ventilated and from airborne allergens such as dust.

## BOOK SHELVES

An awful lot of dust can collect on shelves and it's an often neglected area to clean. Remove books from shelves and dust with a soft, clean brush.

## VACUUM

Vacuum the floor including under the sofa and furniture. Use attachments to get into tight spaces. If you have wooden floors mop them with a microfiber mop after vacuuming. Shake out any rugs where possible.

If you are pressed for time, consider investing in a handheld vacuum to quickly pick up animal fur and crumbs.



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## UPHOLSTERED ITEMS

Use a vacuum cleaner, moistened cloth or specialised leather product for all upholstered items. To clean white furniture, wipe down with dish soap and a damp microfiber cloth. Blot any stains with white distilled vinegar or a baby wipe.

## MICROFIBRE CLOTHS

Can be used to clean gently clean the TV screen and all other electronics, including cables.

## WINDOWS

Wash windows inside and out. Use a squeegee to get a streak-free finish. Wipe down any sliding window or door tracks as these tend to be a haven for dust. The same can be done for any other glass surface.

Give all your wooden furniture the once-over with a suitable rejuvenator, such as beeswax.

## ESSENTIAL LIVING ROOM CLEANING TOOLS



Sensori Air Detoxifying Mist Signature Unscented, \$69.95, at [Myer](#)



Glass cleaner, \$13.95, at [Koala Eco](#)