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INTRODUCTION:



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Starting a residential cleaning business can seem daunting. However, this model is one of the simplest to implement, as the initial costs are quite low. In fact, anyone can launch their own cleaning company tomorrow with a budget of just \$500 for the essential equipment and supplies needed to do the job! But how do you decide what to buy from the vast array of cleaning products available online, especially as a new business owner figuring out what is truly necessary? If you're at this point in your entrepreneurial journey, then, this guide is tailored for you! I've compiled a must have list of essential items to focus on, along with product recommendations.

These are the same products I continue to use for my cleaning company.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at hello@rcapro.org



The most valuable tool in your cleaning collection is a vacuum cleaner. Make sure the model you chose will work on hardwood floors and carpets. Also, regular cleaning of your vacuum cleaner's filters will prolong its usage for a few years.

1

A Good Quality Vacuum Cleaner With A Variety Of Attachments

RECOMMENDATIONS:



SHARK NAVIGATOR
LIFT AWA UPRIGHT
VACUUM CLEANER,
NV380



KENMORE PET
FRIENDLY
LIGHTWEIGHT
BAGGED CANISTER
VACUUM CLEANER
WITH EXTENDED
TELESCOPING
WAND,



KENMORE BU3040
INTUITION LITE
BAGGED UPRIGHT
VACUUM
LIGHTWEIGHT
CLEANER



Heavy-Duty Equipment



Having a spray mop with washable pads will speed up your cleaning job. To make it serve you for a long time, regular cleaning of all parts is required.

2

A Spray Mop With A Removable Fluid Reservoir

RECOMMENDATIONS:



O-CEDAR
PROMIST MAX
MICROFIBER
SPRAY MOP



LIBMAN COMMERCIAL
4002 FREEDOM SPRAY
MOP, 15" WIDE, STEEL
HANDLE



This tool can be used not only for its original purpose- to mop the floors, but also for many other projects, such as a detailed cleaning of surfaces.

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A Mop Bucket

RECOMMENDATIONS



RUBBERMAID
ROUGHNECK
SQUARE
BUCKET, 15-
QUART,

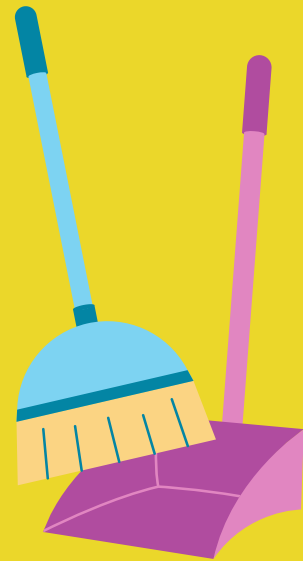


SAN JAMAR KLEEN-
PAIL PLASTIC
PRO CLEANING
BUCKET 8 QUARTS
RED



The longer a broom's handle, the easier it works with. The brooms' bristles can be worn out pretty fast, so make sure that you shop for a hard broom that can work on dry and wet surfaces.

4



Professional Indoor Sweeping Broom and Dustpan set

RECOMMENDATIONS:



SONCAL STANDING
DUSTPAN AND BROOM SET
WITH 52" LONG
EXTENDABLE HANDLE



Paper towels are an excellent choice for cleaning bathrooms and countertops in high traffic areas. It's important to use those that are absorbent and thick. Apply 1/1 ratio (one roll per one cleaning appointment) to calculate how many rolls you would need.

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Set of Paper Towels

RECOMMENDATIONS:



KIRKLAND
SIGNATURE
CREATE-A-SIZE
PAPER TOWELS

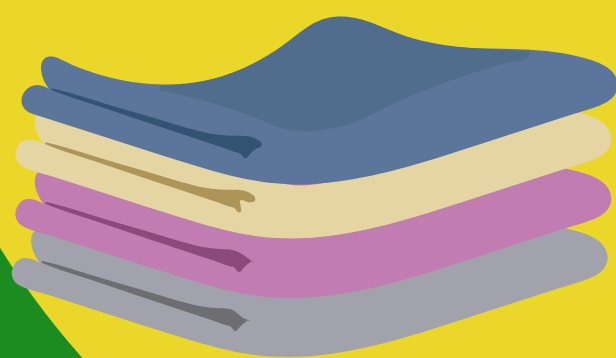


BOUNTY PAPER
TOWELS,
SELECT-A-SIZE, 8
TRIPLE ROLLS

Supplies



Implementing a color-coding system will save you a lot of time. Dedicate a certain color of your microfiber cloths to a particular cleaning job. While microfiber cloths are washable and reusable, we would strongly recommend throwing out those you have used in cleaning the bathrooms.



6

Set of Lint-Free Multi-Colored Microfiber Clothes

RECOMMENDATIONS:



AIDEA
MICROFIBER
CLEANING
CLOTHS-50PK,
ALL-PURPOSE
SOFT ABSORBENT
CLEANING RAGS,
LINT FREE -
STREAK FREE
WASH CLOTH



S&T INC.
MICROFIBER
CLEANING
CLOTH



It's truly a "grey gold "in cleaning business!
This tool is so versatile and essential that we had to include it on our list. A Pumice Stone not only works great in toilet cleaning, but it's also extremely helpful in removing rust, grease and pieces of burnt food. It can also perform as a cleaning brush for tough surfaces.

7

Set Of Pumice Stones

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Small Tools



MARYTON
PUMICE STONE



PUMIE TOILET BOWL
RING, REMOVER GREY
PUMICE STONE WITH
HANDLE



When you have just started your cleaning business, it's important to limit yourself to only 2 or 3 cleaners that would work on a lot of surfaces. It will help you to work much faster. But keep in mind that cleaners do not disinfect surfaces and vice versa. So, if you need to clean and disinfect all together, your amount of cleaning solutions will increase accordingly.

8

Multi-Surface Cleaner Or All Purpose Cleaner

RECOMMENDATIONS:



MRS. MEYER'S
CLEAN DAY
ALL-PURPOSE
CLEANER SPRAY



SPEED CLEANING
ALL-PURPOSE
CLEANER, DEGREASER



LYSOL
ALL-PURPOSE
CLEANER,
SANITIZING AND
DISINFECTING
SPRAY,

Cleaners



Your clients may have several types of flooring in their homes. Using one cleaning solution for all of them will increase your productivity. Before using any cleaning product, read the instructions carefully, to avoid damaging the surfaces.

9



A Multi-Surface Floor Cleaner

RECOMMENDATIONS:



SIMPLE GREEN
MULTI-SURFACE
FLOOR CARE
PH NEUTRAL
FLOOR
CLEANER 1GAL



ODOBAN READY-TO-USE
MULTI-SURFACE FLOOR
CLEANER, 2 GALLONS,
SCENTLESS



Even though we have mentioned before a multi-surface cleaner, which in many cases would work on glass, having a cleaner that is specifically designed to clean glass surfaces, would help you to make windows, glass doors, or any other glass surfaces spotless and shiny. The best practice is to choose a glass cleaning solution that is based on ammonia-free formula.



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A Glass Cleaner
RECOMMENDATIONS



GLASS PLUS
GLASS CLEANER,
32 FL OZ BOTTLE,
MULTI-SURFACE
GLASS CLEANER



SPEED CLEANING
BLUE JUICE
GLASS AND
MIRROR CLEANER



ZEP STREAK-FREE GLASS
CLEANER 32 OZ
ZU112032



My pro-cleaning kit list (extended)

Qty: **Heavy -duty equipment:**

vacuum cleaner:

spray mop:

mop bucket:

indoor broom+dustpan:

dusters:

Supplies:

paper towels:

microfiber clothes:

Small tools:

pumice stone:

cleaning brushes:

sponges:

Qty:	Cleaners:
	floor care
	all-purpose
	glass
	disinfectant
	furniture cleaner/polish
	leather cleaner/conditioner
	Additional equipment, supplies, tools and cleaners
	Notes:

20 Tips for Extending the Lifespan of Your Tools and Equipment



1. Replace ineffective cleaning solutions immediately.
2. Use bleach with caution, as it is a powerful cleaner that can damage surfaces. Always wear disposable gloves and a mask.
3. Thoroughly read the label** on the bottle to understand which surfaces are suitable for use.
4. Never mix cleaning products!
5. Some cleaners require activation after being on the surface for 5 minutes, followed by contact with a wet paper towel or cloth.
6. Maintain your equipment in excellent condition. Clean it daily, paying special attention to the vacuum canister, which should be cleaned daily and disinfected weekly.
7. Keep your car trunk tidy.
8. Utilize an extension cord organizer to prevent tangling.
9. If possible, have two sets of equipment for homes with pets and those without.
10. Invest in 2 or 3 sets of your professional uniform to simplify laundry tasks.





- 11. Paper towels can be costly; reserve them exclusively for cleaning bathrooms. For other surfaces, opt for machine-washable microfiber cloths.**
- 12. Open a business account on Amazon to purchase in bulk. This will provide significant savings on microfiber cloths, PPE, mopping pads, and additional equipment.**
- 13. Always have an empty mixing bottle readily available.**
- 14. A concentrate cleaner bottle is much more economical and can produce 10 to 20 standard bottles of cleaner.**
- 15. Take some time to label your equipment and cleaners with your logos (using clear labels for printing).**
- 16. Conduct an equipment check before leaving your client's premises.**
- 17. Avoid over-purchasing; track your inventory on a weekly basis.**
- 18. Ensure all purchases are made through your business account.**
- 19. Keep a record of all expenses for tax deduction purposes.**
- 20. Always research before purchasing supplies and equipment; what works for others may not necessarily be suitable for you.**

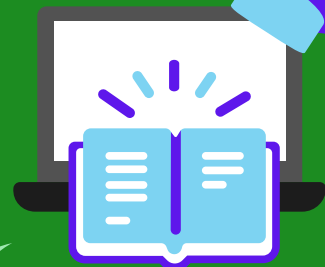


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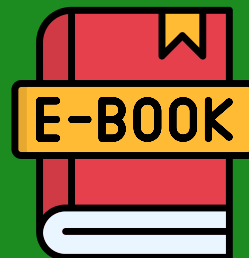




Here is how RCA can help your cleaning business to thrive!



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digital store



online training



online community



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