TEN CLEANING TOOLS EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE

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One needs a hardworking tool to help get the job of homekeeping done. Here are some of the essentials that everyone should have for a clean home.

Sponge

There are a huge variety of sponges out there. It's nice to have a mix of regular sponges, some with an abrasive side, and then some with a feature to tackle just about any dirty surface. If you plan on reusing a sponge, don't forget to clean it.

White Towels

I always keep a ton of white towels on hand. I picked up a couple of sets of organic cotton towels from Crates & Barrel, but you can find packs of these just about

anywhere, even at the hardware store. They'll always match, you'll know when they're dirty, and they can be easily bleached and disinfected without getting ruined. An eco-friendly alternative is to cut up old t-shirts.

Squeegee

These little tools are a must-have for keeping showers mold-free. They also work great on windows if that's a part of your cleaning regimen.

Microfiber Cloths

Just like the white towels, getting a ton of these to keep on hand is super helpful. Microfiber can often get surfaces clean on its own or with just a little water, and shouldn't scratch or leave streaks behind.

Spray Bottle

Keep spray bottles on hand if you ever need to rinse something off with water, or like to make your own cleaners.

Broom, Dustpan and Mop

This is obvious. If you have any hard surfaces like wood, tile, cork and linoleum, you will need a broom and mop to get them clean. Dustpans help with the process and are crucial for quickly cleaning up any spills.

Vacuum

Whether it's a Roomba or a Dysum vacuum, these machines help keep floors clean and allergies at bay.

Bucket

A nice sized bucket can not only stow your cleaning supplies, but also be used for mopping, or any other of a multitude of household tasks.

Scrub Brush

A sponge or cloth isn't always going to work, so keep a bristle scrub brush on hand to use on tough stains.

Toothbrush

When you need something a little more detailed than a scrub brush, a toothbrush is a great option. Disinfect some old toothbrushes and put them to work on grout, sink rims and all the other nooks and crannies in your house.