

Vacuum cleaning tricks that will come in handy

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Sydneysider Norma Wannell got a first-hand taste of the cost of rent-to-buy schemes when she rented a vacuum cleaner. Photo: Daniel Munoz

It's one of the least liked household chores, but these tricks up your sleeve will make it a lot easier.

1. Get into the tight spots

There are spots in the house which are tough to vacuum, even with the crevice extension. But if you use a cardboard tube (like a toilet paper roll shown in the above picture) on the end of the vacuum, you can shape it to fit any space.





Some tricks to make the chore of vacuuming a lot easier. Photo: OverSixty.

2. Deodorise stinky carpets

For those items that are impossible to throw in the wash (such as rugs, carpet or mattresses), sprinkle the dirty, smelly spot with bicarbonate soda. Let it sit for half an hour and then vacuum it.

3. Get rid of carpet dents

Here's a nifty trick to get rid of those carpet dents: Place ice cubes on the dent, wait for them to melt, and vacuum over the spot to get the carpet looking good as new. The water encourages fibres to return to their original shape.

4. Find lost items

Lost an earring? Place an old pair of pantyhose on the nozzle of the vacuum cleaner and secure it with a rubber band. Now vacuum in the area you lost the item and the sucking powers of the hoover should be able to find it!



To avoid vacuuming up a lost earring, cover the nozzle with an old stocking. Photo: OverSixty.

5. Clean the brush roller with ease

Hair, threads and other things can get tangled into the brush roller but there's no need for you to spend time picking it out. Simply use a knife or seam ripper to get rid of those tangled threads.

6. Make the house smell great

Throw a perfume-sprayed tissue into the vacuum bag and it will make your house smell fresh as you vacuum. If you don't want to waste perfume, you can throw in a used dryer sheet or a small spoonful of cinnamon.

7. Make dusting easy

If you haven't used the brush attachment then you've been missing out on the easiest duster ever. It can be used to dust pretty much everything such as books, lampshades, mirrors, books, and so on.

8. Cleaning under furniture

Sick of crawling on your hands and knees to vacuum under furniture? Simply fix the hose in the opposite direction you usually put it on. Hold the hose and guide the vacuum under the beds and sofas.



The easiest way to reach under furniture. Photo: OverSixty

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An advertisement for a home price guide. It features a background image of a modern, multi-story house with large windows and a balcony. Overlaid on the image is the text "Home Price Guide" and "for property's worth". A prominent green button with white text says "Find out now!".

A screenshot of a Facebook post from the page "Domain", which has 346,386 likes. The post features a photo of a modern house with a large garden. Below the photo are buttons for "Like Page" and "Use App". At the bottom, there is a section titled "Be the first of your friends to like this" with several small profile pictures of users.

A real estate advertisement for K. Hovnanian®. The top part shows a large, two-story brick house with a gabled roof and a garage. Below the image is a dark blue banner with white text that reads: "K. Hovnanian® Luxury Homes & Estates in Loudoun County, VA *Details online". To the right of this banner, it says "14 DESIRABLE COMMUNITIES SINGLE FAMILY HOMES & ESTATE HOMES FROM THE \$300s - \$1 MILLIONS".

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