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# Power through your chores

Stock your closet with products to help you check cleaning off your long holiday to-do list

**W**hen family and friends visit, it makes the holidays more special. The quicker you prepare for their arrival, the better. These new products can let you zip through your tasks in record time. Your house will be spotless and, even better, you will be relaxed and ready to spend time with your guests.



## Banish tarnish

Restore the shine to Grandma's silver in one simple step. These wipes are safe to use on both sterling and silver-plate (they are also great for cleaning jewelry).

**Silver-polishing wipes, Weiman, \$5 for 20; alic.com.**

## Eliminate the bucket

Get your floors ready with a one-step cleaner. Squeeze it onto the floor, then mop. No need for rinsing or messy buckets.

**Squirt and Mop hard-floor cleaner, Method, \$7; at Target.**

## Make the bowl shine

Say good-bye to toilet brushes, and clean instead with a tap of your foot. Attach this product to the bowl, then simply step on the pedal twice every day to release a 360-degree spray of effective cleaning solution.

**Scrubbing Bubbles One Step toilet bowl cleaner, \$10 for starter kit; at mass retailers.**

## Stomp out spills

Place these pads over carpet spills and use your foot to apply pressure. Stains lift off easily—even tough ones like red wine and coffee.

**Stomp 'n Go pads, Bissell, \$5 for 5; at Kmart.**

## Suck it up

Eliminate crumbs, dirt and pet hair quickly with a handy mini vac. Keep it stowed near high-traffic (or spill-prone) areas to tackle messes as they happen.

**Lithium DustBuster, Black and Decker, \$80; amazon.com.**



### Do double duty

Your countertops sparkle and the air smells like Christmas when you use this pine-scented spray.

Countertop cleanser, \$9; [caldrea.com](http://caldrea.com).

### Keep the kitchen clean

These specially formulated wipes work well for tidying up on the go. They're great for stoves, small appliances, countertops and more.

Cooktop wipes, Weiman, \$5; [alice.com](http://alice.com)

### Fight stains

Try this classic cleaner's updated formula, which is 40 percent stronger than before.

OxiClean Versatile, \$4 for 1.3-pound tub; at mass retailers.

### Wipe away

Use these handy cloths to clean the sink and other bathroom surfaces. When you're finished, simply flush them away.

Method Tub-n-Tile flushable wipes, \$5 for 28; at Target.

### Stock your arsenal

Be prepared for any cleaning challenge with a multipack of various microfiber cloths.

Microfiber cloths, \$20 for 4; [williamssonoma.com](http://williamssonoma.com).

### Kill cold and flu viruses

Degerm high-traffic areas before and after a party with these disinfecting wipes.

Household wipes, \$4 for 80; at Walmart.

## Give a hostess gift that gives back

Bring a present with special meaning—these companies donate a portion of their proceeds to charity.

### DRINK FOR A CAUSE

Arrive at the party with wine from the Penfolds (Product) Red line—15 percent of profits go to a global fund that helps with AIDS prevention and care.

Penfolds wine, \$12 to \$15; at wine stores.



### ENTICE HER SENSES

Proceeds from these candles (in peony apple or sage and lemongrass) are used for research and treatment at St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Candles, \$15 each; [stjude.org/shop](http://stjude.org/shop).



### TASTE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Choose any of the treats in the Sweet Home collection and 35 percent of the retail price goes to a scholarship program that helps homeless people further their education.

Sweet Home collection, \$40 to \$127; dancing [deer.com](http://deer.com).



### HELP MOMS AND BABIES

These festive diapers make great gifts, since Sam's Club and Huggies will donate to a diaper bank for babies in need.

Huggies diapers, \$20 for 56; at Sam's Club.

