

Keep it clean and tidy

Many people value having a clean and tidy home. Living in a dirty, messy house can make most people frustrated and unhappy especially if a child suffers from allergies or asthma. A dirty kitchen can attract pests such as rats, mice, mites and worms. Therefore, keeping a clean home is important for a good health as well as for the wellbeing of children and staff.

How can you teach the children to value a clean and tidy home? And more important, how can you make the children want to participate in cleaning?



The story about the two houses and the flower can easily be modified to focus on this topic, and thus make the children realize the value of a clean and tidy home. This is the first step on the way. The next step is to make cleaning into a fun activity.

An activity day with the children about this topic could include:

- A thorough cleaning of the whole house for all the children
- Facilitating competitions: who can tidy up their things, bed, and clothes in the shortest time?
- When washing the floors, pour water out on them and let the children dry it up with cloths that they move around with bare feet
- The children generating ideas of how to divide the weekly cleaning tasks between them
- The children can make proposals for how to clean most effectively without using unnecessary amounts of water, soap and electricity.

