

Chores That Kids Can Do

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Toddlers

Put dirty towels in the hamper.
Help make beds.
Pick up dirty clothes and put them in the hamper.
Pick up toys, books and games.
Wipe smudges off of doors.

Ages 6 and 7

Dust lampshades.
Straighten book shelves.
Sort the recycling.
Vacuum edges of rooms with crevice tool.
Wash baseboards.
Wash pet food bowls.
Wipe bathroom sinks
Use vacuum attachment under beds.
Polish front door knob and kickplate.
Help carry in groceries.
Clean spills in the refrigerator.
Clear the table after meals.
Neatly stack food storage containers and their lids.
Run the sweeper on the kitchen floor after dinner.
Unload the dishwasher.
Wipe appliance fronts
Wipe cupboard fronts.
Move clothes to dryer.

Ages 3-5

Dust baseboards.
Dust cold air returns.
Dust mop the floor.
Dust picture frames.
Dust tables.
Feed the pets.
Straighten book shelves.
Empty the bathroom trash can.
Clean their room with help.
Strip bed linens.
Shake out the Welcome Mat.

Shake out the car's floor mats.
Basic food prep (wash produce, tear lettuce)
Help carry in groceries
Set the table.
Fold towels.
Move clothes from washer to dryer.
Sort and roll/fold socks.
Stack magazines neatly.
Straighten & fluff sofa pillows.

Ages 8 and 9

Help hang freshly-dried clothing.
Sort laundry by colors.
Collect garbage from every wastebasket in the house.
Water house plants.
Wipe down bathroom sinks and faucets.
Clean tub/shower.
Scrub grout.
Clean their room on their own.
Put clean sheets on beds.
Get trash out of the car.
Clean the microwave.
Help cook meals (mix ingredients, cut vegetables, etc.)
Help put away groceries.
Put junk mail through the shredder.
Take out the kitchen trash.
Sweep front walkway.
Pull weeds.

Ages 10-13

Clean smudges on inside of windows.
Sweep/vacuum dusty window screens.
Vacuum entire rooms.
Scrub toilets.
Polish bathroom mirrors.

Sweep garage.
Sweep/hose off deck or patio.
Wash patio/deck furniture.
Make meals.
Wash car.

Ages 14 and Up

Wash windows.
Clean any room in the house.
Clean ceiling fans.
Clean fridge/freezer.
Clean oven.
Iron clothes.

Plan grocery list.
Match coupons to grocery list.
Do weeks' shopping.
Mow the yard.
Babysit for other people to make money.