



LIFESKILLS IN ACTION

LIVING SKILLS+

Doing
Household
Chores

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A background image showing various cleaning supplies. On the left, there is a blue bottle of cleaning liquid with a white cap. Next to it is a yellow bottle with a pink cap. In the foreground, a pair of orange rubber gloves is visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus yellow and white.

Household chores.

We do them to make our homes clean.

Wash clothes. Mop floors. Clean rooms.

Keep them neat and tidy.

Cleaning is just one part of chores.

Upkeep is important too.

Hang a picture. Change a lightbulb. Fix a leak.

We take care of our homes.

It is all part of living clean.



We want to live healthy too.

Chores help us do this.

But they take time.

What happens if we wait?

Things get out of hand.

Avoid this by staying **organized**.

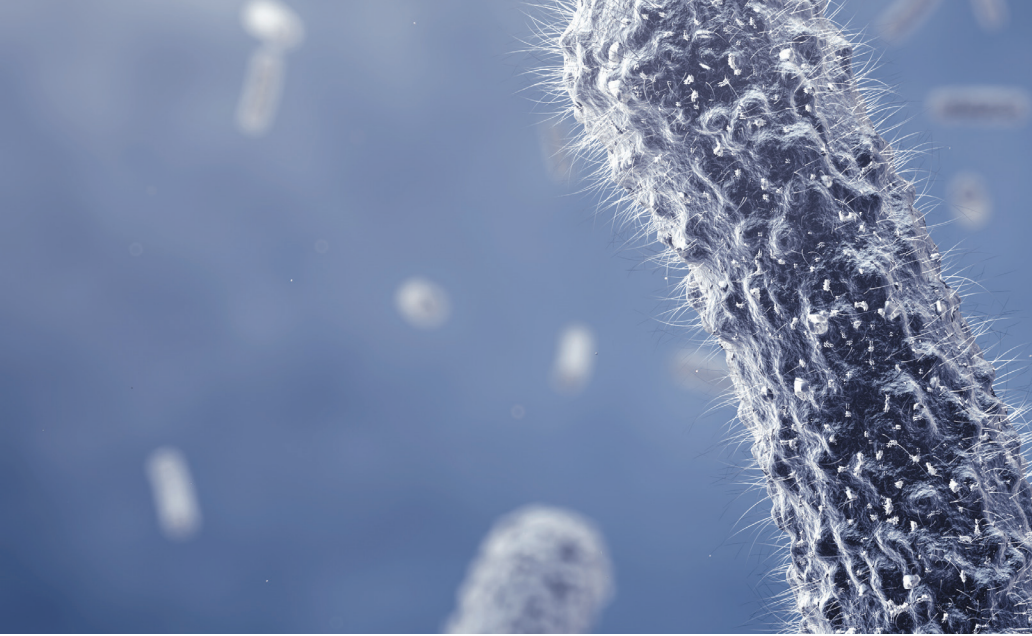
Manage your time.

Find a way to fit it all in.

It helps to do a few chores each day.

And it's worth it.





Doing chores is good for your health.

Cleaning kills germs.

There is less of the **bacteria** that can make you ill.

A tidy home saves you time too.

Things are easy to find.



We all like to save money.

Chores help with this too.

Things last longer when
you take care of them.

Rugs. Floors.

Blinds.

It pays to live
clean.



What happens when a person
does not keep up with chores?
That is what Jake finds out in
Keep It Clean. Want to read on?



JUST *flip* THE BOOK!

KEEP IT
CLEAN



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Jake Jones was a senior. He kept busy.

First there was football. Jake was a linebacker. Then there were his friends. Some were on the team with him. Others he had hung out with for years.

Most of all there was his car. It was new. Jake was so proud of it. He washed it twice a week. And he liked to show it off.

Jake lived with his mom. His mom sold cars for a living. She worked long hours.

Mrs. Jones made a deal with Jake. She would do part of the chores.

“I will cook and shop for groceries,” said his mom. “And I will wash clothes and dust the house. Keeping my room and bathroom clean will be my job. But you need to do your part too.”

Jake agreed. “Okay. What do you need me to do?”

His mom smiled. “You can wash the dishes. Take out the trash, and put the bins out once a week. Mow the yard. And keep your room and bathroom clean.”

They shook hands. It was a deal.

Mrs. Jones was proud of her son. She loved him very much. But she had one problem. Jake would not do his chores.

One day Mrs. Jones came home from work. She had been grocery shopping. There was a back door into the kitchen. Mrs. Jones went there with the groceries. Then she stopped.

What a mess! Three trash bags were outside the door. Jake never put them into the bin.

One bag was ripped open. The dog next door must have done it. Old food and trash were in the backyard. The back gate was open. Jake had not locked it.

KEEP IT CLEAN

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