

## Functional Activities: Ideas for skills to be taught during Seasonal Cleaning

Activities	Teaching Concept: Communication		Other skills
	Expressive Communication Skills	Receptive Communication Skills	
Cleaning Floor (vacuum, use a rag to clean the floor, wipe with cloth)	Request for items needed for activity Examples:	Follow verbal instruction Examples:	Reinforcement: Token  • Earn tokens for a reinforcer that was chosen prior to floor cleaning
Removal of curtains	Request for items needed for activity  Example:  Request a ladder or a step to reach high place  Request for HELP:  When difficult to take a curtain down, request for help from a family member	Following verbal direction  Example:  Remove the curtain from the left	Imitation skill Example: When a person shows how to remove the curtain, learner will copy the exact motion to facilitate the removal of curtain

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Wiping and disinfecting doorknobs, light switches etc.	Request for items needed for activity Example:  • Request for tools (e.g., cloth), detergents for disinfecting surfaces  Request for a break during a task	Following visual/written instruction  • Follow a visual direction of which room and light switch or doorknobs to be wiped. Once completed, make a note (x) to indicate it has been done	Reinforcement: Token  • Earn tokens for a reinforcer that was chosen prior to cleaning  Imitation: Example  • Imitate a person wiping a doorknob
Wipe the desk/table/chairs	Request for an item Examples:  Request for an item (e.g., antibacterial spray) Request for a paper towel Request which desks he/she wants to wipe  Commenting Example: Report once the desk cleaning is completed (e.g., "the desk is clean")  Request for a break during a task.	Follow visual/written instruction  Read required item to prepare for cleaning then read instruction on how/where to clean.  Example:  • Wipe along a masking tape that is taped on the desk (visual prompt)  Follow verbal instruction  Example:  Follow verbal instruction given by an adult "Wipe here, please"	Reinforcement: Token  • Earn tokens for a reinforcer that was chosen prior to cleaning
Line up shoes (tidy up the closet for shoes)	Request for an item that is needed  Example:  Request for a stepstool to put items on a high shelf  HELP  Request for "Help" to put shoes in high shelf  Request for "Help" when he/she cannot find the matching shoe	Follow verbal direction  Example:  • Put shoes away to a specific location that has been requested by mom "Put those shoes on the second shelf from the top"	Reinforcement: Token  • Earn tokens for a reinforcer that was chosen prior to tidying shoe cabinet  Correspondence and discrimination  • Identify mom and dad's shoes from his/her own shoes  • Identify the same shoes

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Cleaning the front door area	Request for an item that is needed Examples:  • "I want broom"  • "I want dustpan"  HELP  • When collecting the leaves into the bin, request for HELP	Following visual instruction Examples:  • Follow task analysis list of how to collect leaves in the front porch • Follow a visual prompt that are indicated on the floor, which part to clean first (Plan to eliminate the prompt)	Imitation Example:  • Imitate caretaker when he is using a broom to sweep leaves
Wiping the window / TV/computer monitor	Request for an item that is needed Examples:  Request for a stepstool or a ladder to wipe higher part of the window Request for a window wiper, or paper towel Request for window cleaning spray  HELP Request for "Help" when he/she cannot reach top part of the window. Request to help cleaning the towel when it gets dirty	Follow verbal direction Example: When dad says, "Wipe that window", he/she follows direction.	Reinforcement: Token  • Earn tokens for a reinforcer that was chosen prior to wiping  Imitation:  • Learner imitates and wipe the window along with the caretaker
Cleaning Bathroom/Toilet	Request for an item Examples:  Request for a brush Request for bathroom cleaning detergent Request for cleaning detergent for toilet Request for a toile brush Request for a rag to wipe the toilet Request for a break during cleaning	Follow verbal direction Examples:	Reinforcement: Token  • Earn tokens for a reinforcer that was chosen prior to cleaning

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Cleaning your own room	Request for an item	Follow verbal direction  Examples:  • "Put those books in the bookshelf"  • "Put your toys in the box"	Reinforcement: Token  • Earn tokens for a reinforcer that was chosen prior to cleaning  Sorting  • Put toys into corresponding container/boxes  • Match the socks and put them away in a box/container
Washing pillows/blankets in the washing machine	Request for an item Example:  • laundry detergent or laundry pod  Request for help  • Turning knob to correct cycle  • Taking sheets off a bed  • Taking pillowcase off the pillow  Request for a break during the task	Follow verbal direction Examples:  • "Put the blanket in the washing machine"  • "Carry pillows to the laundry room"  Follow visual direction Example:  • A picture task analysis of the steps to taking sheets off a bed  • A picture task analysis of the steps to using a washing machine	Reinforcement: Token  • Earn tokens for a reinforcer that was chosen prior to cleaning  Sorting  • Put sheets with sheets and blankets with blankets  Identify buttons on washing machine (e.g., hot/cold button, start)
Cleaning the garden or a porch	Request for an item     Request for a bloom     Request for a dustpan     Request for a garden glove HELP     Request for help when collecting leaves and putting them in a bin is difficult.  Request for a break during a task	Following verbal direction  • "Pull out those weed"  • "Leave those flowers"  • "Pick up the washing pegs from the floor"	Token  • Earn tokens for a reinforcer that was chosen prior to cleaning the garden

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