short sessions, calm day

Thanksgiving Cleaning Countdown



10 TO 30 MINUTES A DAY, STARTING A WEEK OUT



A week before

- [ ] Clear counters, table and entry shelf
- [ ] Box extra items, store until after
- [ ] Set up a spot for coats and bags



Four days before

- [ ] Empty one shelf at a time
- [ ] Toss expired food, wipe shelves
- [ ] Group cooking ingredients together



Three days before

- [ ] Let the stove cool, wipe with soapy water
- [ ] Read the oven manual first
- [ ] Ventilate, never mix products



Two days before

- [ ] Wipe sink, faucet and mirror
- [ ] Toilet last, separate cloth
- [ ] Fresh towel, extra paper, empty trash



The day before

- [ ] Vacuum from the far end to the door
- [ ] Damp mop, let it dry
- [ ] Fresh trash liners, clear the sink



Morning of

- [ ] 15-minute timer reset
- [ ] Wipe counters and table
- [ ] Pet hair off the couch, vacuum last



After dinner

- [ ] Leftovers in the fridge within 2 hours
- [ ] Use shallow containers
- [ ] Glasses, plates, then the roasting pan



The next day

- [ ] Blot spills on couch and rugs
- [ ] Wash tablecloth and napkins
- [ ] Quick vacuum, stovetop wipe, trash out

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