

What is the Difference Between Janitorial and Maintenance Cleaning

Janitorial maintenance involves daily tidying up. It keeps a space neat and orderly for each workday. Maintenance cleaning focuses on deep cleaning and preventative upkeep to keep a space hygienic and in good condition over time. Many people misunderstand the overlap between these two important types of cleaning services. Today, we will provide the full clarification you need to choose the right cleaning and maintenance services for your building, business, or facility.

Janitorial Cleaning

[Janitorial cleaning](#) focuses on regular and routine cleaning tasks. These tasks help to maintain a clean, hygienic, and presentable environment to ensure a daily productive workspace. Janitorial cleaning services take care of daily tasks.

- € **Frequency:** Daily or Nightly
- € **Scope:** Clutter and surfaces

Typical janitorial cleaning includes:

- € Restroom cleaning and sanitization
- € Trash removal and recycling
- € Floor care (sweeping, mopping, vacuuming)
- € Dusting and surface cleaning
- € Window and glass cleaning

Benefits of Janitorial Cleaning Services

Businesses that employ a janitorial cleaning service ensure that their workspace is always hygienic and has a professional appearance each day. It creates a healthier work environment and prevents employees from having to perform cleaning tasks at the beginning or end of each day.

Maintenance Cleaning

Maintenance cleaning covers more specialized cleaning tasks such as deep cleaning and preventative cleaning. The maintenance cleaning task list focuses on preserving the long-term condition and appearance of a facility.

- ⌘ **Frequency:** Weekly or monthly
- ⌘ **Scope:** Deep cleaning and rotational maintenance tasks

Maintenance cleaning is scheduled less frequently than janitorial cleaning. It is typical to schedule maintenance cleaning on a weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis. Maintenance cleaning may also rotate between certain deep cleaning tasks to prevent long-term buildup of dust, contaminants, rust, and mold.

Maintenance cleaning may also address hidden, out-of-reach, and less-used areas as well as appliance and fixture cleaning. All these tasks focus on enhancing long-term performance, preventing neglect-related damage, and ensuring the facility's professional appearance.

Tasks that may occur during maintenance cleaning include:

- ⌘ Deep carpet cleaning and upholstery care
- ⌘ Hard floor cleaning and restoration (stripping, waxing, buffing)
- ⌘ Window and blind cleaning
- ⌘ Power washing exterior surfaces
- ⌘ Special event cleanup

Benefits of Maintenance Cleaning Services

Businesses that invest in maintenance cleaning will extend the lifespan of assets, improve overall facility aesthetics, and prevent damage caused by neglect of less-used spaces, appliances, and fixtures. It is a more thorough cleaning service that prioritizes facility care.

Key Differences Between Janitorial and Maintenance Cleaning

Janitorial cleaning is light cleaning that occurs every day. Maintenance cleaning is deep cleaning that occurs weekly or monthly. The most important thing to note is that they are not mutually exclusive. The two types of cleaning service work together to ensure a facility is tidy and clean daily and receives the preventative cleaning care it needs to enjoy long-term quality.

Feature	Janitorial	Maintenance
Frequency	Daily	Weekly/Monthly/Quarterly
Scope	Surfaces and Clutter	Deep cleaning
Expertise	General	Specific
Cost	Lower Cost, Higher Frequency	Higher Cost, Lower Frequency

Choosing the Right Service

Should you invest in janitorial cleaning, maintenance cleaning, or both? The best choice for your facility and business can be determined by answering a few questions to guide your decision-making process.

- € What is the size and type of your facility?
- € What level of traffic does your facility experience?
- € What are your budget constraints?
- € What are your specific cleaning priorities (hygiene, appearance, asset preservation)?

Seek a personalized recommendation from experienced cleaning companies like Stratus Building Solutions to determine which [cleaning services](#) will best serve your needs.

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