

# Brooms and Mops Not Likely to be Ousted From the Domestic Cleaning Cupboard

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Commercial cleaners, especially those providing janitorial services to offices and similar organisations often turn to automated devices such as auto scrubbers to clean large surfaces. However, there will always be a place for hand-powered cleaning tools like mops and brooms, even in the largest of commercial cleaning outfits. In some situations, the hand tools can be more efficient than the automated equipment.

“For cleaning small spaces quickly, it can be a better use of time to reach for the broom or the mop,” said a spokesperson for Anyclean, a London-based commercial cleaning company that provides a comprehensive range of office and domestic cleaning services. “It takes time to set up and plug in an auto scrubber, not to mention the noise issues that mean a cleaner has to reach for the earmuffs. But you can just grab a mop and get onto the job.” Speed is especially vital when cleaning spills, as this can reduce the risk of workplace accidents caused by wet, slippery surfaces. Dustpans and brushes are also easier to store accessibly in warehouses and the like where non-liquid spills often occur. “You need specialist training to operate a big automatic cleaning machine, but anyone can grab a dustpan and brush if you need to clean up broken glass or thing like that which need to be cleaned up quickly. You can store them under the workbench, too,” said the Anyclean representative.

Brooms are also more effective than automatic scrubbers in small spaces such as stairwells when used in the workplace, and are also more efficient for domestic cleaning. In narrow spaces, brooms can operate much more easily than larger machines, with small brooms and buckets being able to get into narrow gaps and spaces.

Even the traditional string mop that has been in use since Victorian times is not likely to be replaced by the microfiber mop. “Professional cleaners need both. String mops are more absorbent and can deal with spilled liquid quickly, but the microfiber mop heads are easy to launder. It's all about using the right tool for the job rather than just having a one-size-fits all solution for every cleaning situation.”

Organisations that hire full-time cleaners or janitors but have tighter budgets are also more likely to prefer traditional mops and brooms to larger and more expensive automatic equipment. Schools and small businesses often find larger pieces of equipment to be beyond the budget, but mops and brooms can be picked up cheaply. “They're fine for everyday cleaning,” said the Anyclean spokesperson, although he was quick to stress the need for deep cleaning on a regular basis. “If you can't afford to hire a full-time janitor to provide the level of cleanliness needed to keep the place healthy, then you call in the contractors to do the deep stuff for you. That's what we're here for. But if you need to clean something big up in a hurry, you'll need a broom or a mop. Every workplace should have one.”

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