

INTRODUCION

So you have your robot vacuum but do you know how to use it?

If you haven't used a robot vacuum before, it's not quite as simple as unpacking it, turning it on, and letting the magic happen. There is no doubt they are wonderful little matches that will make a considerable difference to your vacuuming habits, but it does take a bit of getting used to.



So with that said, here are my 15 tips for making the most out of your robot vacuum

1.GIVE IT AN AMAZING NAME

OK, so we're starting here with a bit of fun, but you'll be amazed how quickly once you name it, it sticks. After all, "Clean Elizabeth the Second" is way cooler to say than "the robot vacuum". If you have voice activation, it's another level of fun, so just make sure you get that name right

2.CHOOSE YOUR CHARGING SPOT WISELY, IDEALLY IN AN OPEN SPOT

While most vacuums have a return to charging base feature for when the battery is low, not all of them are actually smart enough to find it. This was the problem I made with my first vacuum. I'd run it overnight and never know where I'd find it the next morning. I just knew it wasn't going to be it's charging station. Most of them will need a clear line of sight to lock onto the charging base and navigate back.





3. CLEAR UP ANY OBSTACLES BEFORE RUNNING THE VACUUM

While the top-end models are getting smarter, most will still not detect small obstacles. Be sure to move any tiny hazards such as toys, socks, or pet food bowls out of the way before it runs.



4. RUN IT OFTEN

Owning a robot vacuum will change slightly the way you do your vacuuming, it has to run at least once a day to be effective. Robots aren't best when they need to clean a very messy floor, they excel at making sure the floor never gets that messy in the first place. I run mine once a day at a minimum. Usually twice. Overnight in the living room and kitchen and during the day in the bedrooms

5. AUTOMATE THE LITTLE SUCKER UPPER

Scheduling is one of my favorite features in my vacuum.

I have it set to run at 3 am every day so when I wake up the vacuuming is done!



6. TIDY AWAY CORDS

If there is one thing that is the nemesis of a robot vacuum, it's cords. Countless times mine has managed to get itself tangled on its own charging base wire! Just be sure that you keep cables cleared away and there will be no drama

7. TUCK IN YOUR TASSELS

But it's not just one nemesis that robo-cleaners have, it's two. You can add rug tassels to the list. If you have a rug with long tassels, it would be worth tucking them away before starting your vacuum.

8. LIFT UP CURTAINS

Ummm, did I say two? I meant three! If you have curtains that drop all the way to the floor, consider doing your best to make sure your vacuum can't run over them and get stuck.



9. USE THE REMOTE FOR SPOT CLEANING



If you have spilled some sugar on the floor or something similar, it is often easier to use the remote control or app for manual cleaning of a specific area.



10. LEAN YOUR CHAIRS

Chairs can be tricky for a robot with four legs to navigate around in such a small space. If you lean them back against the wall, you're making it 50% easier for your vacuum.



11. HAVE A DUMPING CORNER

I love running the vacuum overnight, but, when it's time for bed and I'm half asleep after bringing on my latest Netflix obsession, the last thing I want to do is pick up everything off the floor. That's what the dumping corner is for. If you have smart mapping or even magnetic strips, set a little no-go-zone and toss anything you want safe from Optimums Grime in the corner. Just remember to clean it from time to time!

12. EMPTY YOUR VACUUM OFTEN

It's easy to forget to empty the dustbin, but it is essential, even the largest ones fill up pretty quickly.





13. CHECK THE FILTERS

You don't need to do this as often as you empty the dustbin, but be sure to keep an eye on them and keep them clean, replace it when necessary. Luckily this is a really easy task on pretty much every robot vacuum.

14. KEEP YOUR ROBOT CLEAN

Be sure to check the rollers, the brushes and keep it clean, especially if you have a pet, remove the hair often. If you start noticing the performance is not as good as it was, it's likely it just needs a good clean.



15. REPLACE BROKEN PARTS

If your roller is not rolling or your edge brushes are bent, just replace them. Spare parts are easy to come by, cheap and simple to install.



Bonus tip & most important

KEEP CALM AND LET IT CARRY ON

Sometimes it might seem like it is not hitting the area that you want it to clean the most, but just relax, it will get there. There is a method to the way it roams about your home. It really does know what it is doing.

