

Shopping for a mop can be a real chore. There are several different types – microfiber, sponge, spray, steam, and robot – and some may work for certain floor types but not others.

To help make the decision a little easier, we put together a list of some of the best mops you can purchase to match your specific cleaning needs.

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### **Best Overall**

# O-Cedar EasyWring Microfiber Spin Mop & Buc...



- Comes with a bucket system for hands-free wringing
- Suitable for use on all hard floors
- Features machinewashable microfiber head

#### CONS:

- X Bucket lacks wheels
- May be more difficult to store than more compact options

**Buy from Amazon** 

The O-Cedar EasyWring Microfiber Spin Mop & Bucket Floor Cleaning System can be used to clean any hard floor surface. It includes the spin mop itself and a special bucket with a foot pedal. Pressing the foot pedal makes it possible to wring out excess water from the mop without having to use your hands. Not only does this mean that you won't have to get your hands dirty but you also won't need to bend down as much, which makes for a more comfortable mopping experience.

With its triangular shape, the mop head is equipped to reach into corners to provide a more thorough and complete cleaning job. The head is made from multipurpose microfiber, an absorbent material that can remove up to 99% of bacteria when cleaning with water alone. (Though, if preferred, you can still add your favorite floor-cleaning solution to the bucket.) Once you're finished mopping, remove the O-Cedar's microfiber head from the telescoping handle, clean it in the washing machine, let it air-dry, and it will then be ready for future use.

### **Specs**

**Price:** \$39.99

Mop Type: Spin

Head Material: Microfiber

### Buy From Amazon »

### **Best Budget**

# Libman Wonder Mop »



### PROS:

- Built-in power wringer removes water
- Machine-washable head
- Suitable for use on all hard floors

### CONS:

- Microfiber strips are prone to tangling
- Reviewers say it's not the best for heavy-duty messes

**Buy from Amazon** 

If you're looking for a mop that is both budget-friendly and effective, consider the Libman Wonder Mop. This model features a mop head constructed of proprietary microfiber Gripstrips that the company says are designed to lift stubborn dirt from floors. You can use the Libman Wonder Mop to clean nearly any hard floor surface including hardwood, vinyl, tile, marble, and laminate. After you're finished mopping, the head can be cleaned in the washing machine and reused up to 50 times.

This mop has a durable steel handle that is about 62 inches long and features a hanger hole so you can store it on any hook. Since this model doesn't come with a bucket, you'll need to supply your own or use a nearby sink or tub if you're short on space. Thanks to its built-in power wringer, removing excess water from the mop head will be quick and easy. However, reviewers mention that the mop's microfiber strips – which measure 10 inches long and are not looped – are prone to tangling.

### **Specs**

**Price:** \$9.98 (Walmart), \$10.49 (Target), \$11.97 (The Home

Depot)

Mop Type: Strip

Head Material: Microfiber

Buy From Amazon »

**Best for Hardwood Floors** 

# Bona Hardwood Floor Premium Spray Mop »



- ✓ Wide mop head provides ample floor coverage
- pH-neutral cleaning solution is safe for wood floors
- Microfiber pad is washable up to 500 times

#### **CONS:**

- No extra microfiber pads included
- Cost of cleaning solution refills can add up

**Buy from Amazon** 

The Bona Hardwood Floor Premium Spray Mop is our top pick for users with wood flooring in their homes. This spray mop features a generously sized dual-zone microfiber cleaning pad to help cut down on how much time you spend mopping. The cleaning pad can be washed and reused up to 500 times, which is a plus for eco-friendly shoppers who want to reduce waste.

This model comes with a bottle of Bona's plant-based, residue-free cleaning solution. Its pH-neutral formula means it's safe to use on unwaxed, unoiled, polyurethane-finished wood floors. When the cleaning solution runs out, you

can purchase a larger bottle of Bona's floor cleaner to refill it. Concentrate cleaning packets are also available from Bona. The mop offers a lightweight design and a secondary grip for better control when you work. When you're done, you can use the retractable hook to hang the mop up and keep it out of the way.

# **Specs**

**Price:** \$41.97

Mop Type: Spray

Head Material: Microfiber

Buy From Amazon »

### **Best for Tile**

# Bissell PowerFresh Scrubbing & Sanitizing Ste...



- No chemical cleaning solution required
- ✓ Adjustable steam level
- Swivel steering

### **CONS:**

- Doesn't come with attachments
- Doesn't convert to a handheld model

**Buy from Bissell** 

Those seeking to use steam as a chemical-free alternative to harsh cleaning solutions may be interested in the Bissell PowerFresh Scrubbing & Sanitizing Steam Mop. The hot steam it generates can eliminate up to 99.9% of bacteria and germs and is safe to use on sealed hard floors. You can adjust the steam output (high, medium, or low) with the SmartSet Digital Steam Control to best suit your cleaning needs.

This Bissell PowerFresh model comes with optional fragrance discs for those who want an added scent. Its mop pad is made from microfiber material. If you run into any stubborn stains or spills, increase your cleaning power with the Flip-Down Easy Scrubber. As its name suggests, this scrubber flips down from its storage location along the back of the mop whenever you need it. This unit also features a 23-foot power cord to extend your reach so you don't have to frequently switch to a different outlet in the home. It also offers swivel steering to make it easier to maneuver around furniture and other obstacles.

# **Specs**

**Price:** \$92.69

Mop Type: Steam

Head Material: Microfiber

Buy From Bissell »

**Best Vacuum Mop** 

### Bissell CrossWave Pet Pro Multi-Surface Wet D...



- Vacuums and washes floors simultaneously
- Suitable for use on hard floors and area rugs
- Features separate clean and dirty water tanks

#### CONS:

- **X** Expensive
- Can be time-consuming to clean the device

**Buy from Bissell** 

Before you can mop up dirt and stains from your floors, it's a good idea to vacuum first to remove dust and larger debris that could simply be pushed around by the mop. The Bissell CrossWave Pet Pro Multi-Surface Wet Dry Vac is designed to let you vacuum and mop your floors simultaneously, saving you time. It's suitable for use on a variety of flooring types, including sealed wood, tile, vinyl, and area rugs.

Use the buttons on the handle to select the surface type (hard floors or area rugs), and press the trigger to dispense the cleaning solution as you work. As you push the vacuum, the tangle-free brushroll will clean your floors and help pick up debris. Once you've finished cleaning, use the Rinse & Clean Out

Storage Tray to suck up fresh water and rinse out the internal components. Then, remove the dirty water tank and pull out the pet hair strainer to toss hair and other debris in the trash instead of pouring it down the drain. Each purchase includes two of the Tangle-Free Brush Rolls and two 8-ounce bottles of Bissell Pet Multi-Surface Formulas with Febreze Freshness.

### **Specs**

**Price:** \$329.59

Mop Type: Vacuum-mop combo

**Head Material:** Tangle-Free Brush Roll

Buy From Bissell »

### **Best Robot Mop**

### Roborock S7 Max Ultra Robot Vacuum With Ro...



- Self-emptying and selfwashing design
- Automatic mop head that raises and lowers itself
- Programmable navigation

#### CONS:

- X Hefty price tag
- May be too bulky with dock for convenient storage

**Buy from Amazon** 

For a truly hands-off approach, consider the Roborock S7 Max Ultra Robot Vacuum With RockDock Ultra. This model is designed to automate floor cleaning, leaving you free to take care of whatever else is on your to-do list. With the innovative RockDock Ultra, the robot mop can empty the dirty water, clean itself, dry itself, and refill its water tank. The dock holds enough water and cleaning solution to mop up to 3,230 square feet, and, depending on how often you use it, the dirty water compartment may hold enough waste to go up to seven weeks before you'll need to empty it.

The Roborock S7 Max Ultra Robot Vacuum offers powerful suction to pick up dirt and debris. It also uses sonic scrubbing combined with downward pressure to remove stains and stuck-on messes. In addition to being suitable for use on hard floors, it can be used to clean carpets. The automatic mop lifting feature raises or lowers the mop head to match the cleaning needs of the specific flooring type. The S7 Max Ultra can establish a customized cleaning route for your home and automatically detect obstacles. If you choose, you can control it via an app or with voice commands, as it's compatible with Amazon Alexa, Google Home, and Siri Shortcuts.

### **Specs**

**Price:** \$1,299.99

Mop Type: Robot

### **Head Material:** Floating brush

### Buy From Amazon »

# **Best for Tight Spaces**

# Bosheng Mop and Bucket With Wringer Set »



#### PROS:

- 360-degree swivel head can reach corners and narrow openings
- All components fit inside the bucket for more compact storage
- Three microfiber mop pads are included

#### CONS:

- Bucket doesn't have wheels
- No steam or suction options

**Buy from Amazon** 

With its compact storage, the Bosheng Mop and Bucket With Wringer Set is a good fit for those who are tight on space. When not in use, the mop handle, cleaning head, and pads can all be stored inside the bucket, which can be placed in the corner of a room. This model is also great for cleaning hard-to-reach spaces, such as corners or beneath low furniture, as its mop head can rotate 360 degrees. With the Bosheng, you can even clean vertical surfaces such as walls and baseboards.

To ensure you're not putting dirty water back on your floors, the bucket features two separate grooves. Use one section for cleaning the mop head and the other for removing excess water. Just turn the head sideways and move it up and down along the grooves a few times to get it clean and ready for use again. Another plus: This mop comes with three machine-washable microfiber mop heads.

# **Specs**

**Price:** \$49.99

Mop Type: Flat

Head Material: Microfiber

Buy From Amazon »

**Best for Quick Cleanups** 

**OXO Microfiber Spray Mop With Slide-Out Scru...** 



- Slide-out scrubber can tackle tough spots
- Suitable for use with the cleaning solution of your choice
- Machine-washable microfiber pad

#### CONS:

- X Handle isn't adjustable
- X Mop head isn't wide

**Buy from Amazon** 

The OXO Microfiber Spray Mop With Slide-Out Scrubber is lightweight, meaning it's easy to grab whenever you need to clean up spills or other daily messes. This mop features a microfiber head that pivots so it can maneuver under or around furniture and other obstacles. The pad is removable and machine-washable. If there is a particularly sticky or messy area that requires a little additional TLC, you can release the integrated scrubber by stepping on the foot pedal. Then, place the scrubber back over the microfiber head and continue cleaning the rest of the floor. When needed, you can purchase additional scrub pads from OXO.

**Specs** 

**Price:** \$39.99

Mop Type: Spray

Head Material: Microfiber

Buy From Amazon »

### The Bottom Line

There is no one right mop for every user and every need, so the best mop for you will depend on a number of factors, including your budget, preferences, and home layout. It is also essential to take the type of floor(s) you have throughout your home into account when shopping for a new mop. As Karina Toner of home cleaning service Spekless in Washington, D.C., highlights, "for wood floors, it's crucial to avoid excessive moisture," while "tile floors are more durable and can handle wet mopping." We selected the O-Cedar EasyWring Spin Mop & Bucket Floor Cleaning System as our top pick because it is easy to use, comes with a bucket that makes hands-free wringing possible, can eliminate more than 99% of bacteria, and is suitable for use with all hard floor types.

# **Things To Consider When Buying Mops**

**Mop Type:** One of the first things you'll want to decide before purchasing a new mop is which style will be the best fit for you. There are several types of mop available to purchase, and some are better suited to different flooring types than others or may offer a design that better matches your comfort level. Below is a brief overview of several of the most common mop types:

- Sponge Mops: As the name implies, sponge mops feature a large sponge pad
  head with scrubbers to remove stains and absorb spills and excess water. While
  this mop style can be effective when cleaning tile or vinyl floors, sponge mops do
  release more liquid and aren't a suitable choice for hardwood floors.
- **String Mops:** Also called twist mops, this style features a thicker head comprised of long and twisted ropes. String mops work well when cleaning either dry or wet spills and are versatile enough to use on different flooring surfaces. However, even when wrung out, these may still release too much water for hardwood floors.
- **Spray Mops:** Spray mops typically feature a compartment that holds a cleaning solution that users can release by pressing a button. While these mops may not be the best bet for heavy-duty cleaning, they're great at tackling dried-up spills and everyday messes.
- **Steam Mops:** Rather than requiring the use of chemicals to get your floors clean, steam mops heat water, causing steam to form. The hot steam helps loosen stains and debris from surfaces so the mop head can more easily combat these messes.
- Vacuum Mops: Vacuum mops are designed so users can take care of two cleaning tasks at the same time: vacuuming and mopping. These models have suction but also release a cleaning solution to mop the floors. The wet solution and debris from the floor are all sucked up, leaving behind a clean floor. They are typically safe to use on any type of sealed hard floors as well as area rugs or even carpets.
- Robot Mops: Robot mops help take the drudgery out of mopping by making it an
  automated experience. Nowadays, many robot mops can be programmed to
  navigate throughout your home while avoiding obstacles. Some models can even
  be controlled via voice commands or an app.

**Maneuverability:** Maneuverability refers to how easy it will be to push the mop across your floors and around any obstacles. If the mop you choose isn't easy to maneuver, you may have trouble navigating it away from chair legs, cabinets, and other furniture that may be in the way. Generally speaking, lighter-weight mops are easier to maneuver than bulkier options. Manufacturers may also add features that aid with maneuverability, such as swivel steering or a rotating head.

**Care and Upkeep:** Consider how easy it will be to clean and maintain each mop you're thinking about purchasing. First, for any mops that are designed for use with a bucket full of water and/or a cleaning solution, think about how easy it will be to

wring or squeeze out the excess water each time you rinse them. Some models - such as the O-Cedar EasyWring Spin Mop & Bucket System - are designed with a hands-free wringing system. Others – like the Libman Wonder Mop – have a built-in wringer. Features such as these will make it easier for you to remove excess water and protect your floors when you clean.

It's also important to look to the manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning and/or replacing the mop head itself. Many mops have a machine-washable head to simplify this task. You might also want to look for information from the manufacturer about how many times the mop head can go through the washing machine. For example, the Libman Wonder Mop's head is only machine-washable up to 50 times, while the microfiber cleaning pad for the Bona Hardwood Floor Premium Spray Mop can be washed up to 500 times.

### **How We Chose the Best Mops**

Selecting our picks for the best mops required thorough research and comparisons between different products. To gain firsthand insight on the topic, we've interviewed experts in the industry including Karina Toner, the operations manager of Spekless, a house cleaning service based in Washington, D.C., and members of the housekeeping team at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park. Throughout the research process, we strove to select a variety of mop types available at a range of prices to help each individual find the right fit for their cleaning and budget needs.

### WHY SHOULD YOU TRUST US?

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### **FAQ**

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How can I clean and maintain my mop? +

How often should I replace my mop? +

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