



Whichever way you decide to handle chores, it's important for each person to understand their chores and when they need to be done. You may want to post a [chore list](#) in the kitchen or some other public area.

### **Tracking Completed Chores**

It is your children's responsibility to remember to do their chores. How will they keep track of when their chores are done? They may want to have a chore chart where they check off their chores once they are completed. Another approach is to have a calendar where they write their initials once their chores are done.

Some parents have their kids tell them when they are done with their chores. The parents may check to make sure the chores were done well. Some change the wifi password daily and give it to their kids after the chores are completed.

What if your child wants to postpone a chore? You may want to allow your kids to do two chores the following day. Be careful not to allow postponing multiple days of chores or it will become too difficult for them to make up.

You may decide to help your child out with a chore occasionally. You'll know they appreciate it if they thank you for helping them out. You may also decide to allow your child to skip chores on special occasions.

### **Paying for Extra Chores**

One way to allow your children to earn money is to pay them for doing extra chores in addition to their normal ones. It's a great way to get work done and for your children to earn money for special things.

One summer our then 12-year-old son learned to pressure wash the deck. He was happy to take on this new task especially since it involved getting wet and getting paid! My husband taught him how to use the pressure washer including all the safety information. It took many hours to get the job done but he stuck with it and we enjoyed a clean deck!

Your kids can also use extra chores to earn something they want. Our children earned a trampoline by each doing 100 extra chores. It took them almost a year to accomplish this. They were proud when they finished earning the trampoline!

Doing chores are a part of life. When you expect your kids to help around the house, it builds their competence and sense of responsibility. These are skills which will help them out in school and later in life!

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