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# THE 15 BEST HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO KEEP ON HAND

Stock up stat, these are essential to have in your cupboard



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There are certain home essentials that you should always have in stock in your cupboard. You know, the staples that are constantly used and frequently replaced, aka the things you buy in bulk at **Costco**.

You might want to buy these household items in bulk for a few reasons.

With the price of everything inflating over the last few years, it's often cheaper when you stock up on **cleaning supplies** and other home products in bulk. Second, with the true home essentials that you use on a daily basis, you won't want to be in short supply in a crisis and realize it too late (think toilet paper during the first few months of the pandemic).

We've scoped out the 15 top-rated and best household items that you should be stocking up with.

## 1. Toilet paper



Not all toilet paper is created equal.

Let's face it, when you gotta go, you gotta go, so why not use the **No. 1 toilet paper we've ever tested** for your No. 2?

While toilet paper may not be the flashiest purchase you can make, it's certainly essential. Anyone who's ever bought a few rolls of the cheap stuff can tell you it's worth putting some thought and an extra dollar or two into what you're buying.

In our testing, we found that you can't go wrong with Charmin Ultra Soft. With unparalleled comfort and solid durability, it's the only toilet paper you need.



### Charmin Ultra Soft Toilet Paper (12 Mega Rolls)

Strong and comfortable, these are rolls are the best out there.

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## 2. Paper towels



The Kirkland Signature Create-A-Size Paper Towels are impressively strong.

They say you never know what you've got 'til it's gone—and that's definitely the case with paper towels. They're used for so many things you probably take for granted (cleaning up spills! wiping your hands! scrubbing the counter!).

Never be without these valuable rolls again by keeping a stash of our **favorite paper towels** from Kirkland Signature. Though the brand isn't as popular as some other names in the game, these Kirkland Signature paper towels out-performed the competition and are one of the better values out there.



## Kirkland Signature Paper Towels

Use these absorbent towels daily.

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## 3. Laundry detergent



Dirty laundry begone!

While we've all been guilty of re-wearing the same pair of jeans two days (ok, maybe three) in a row, there are some things you absolutely cannot dig out of the laundry bin (looking at you, underwear!).

To avoid that smelly situation, you'll need high-quality laundry detergent. We put some of the most popular brands to the test and found **Persil ProClean to be the best at removing stains**—even better than Tide.



### Persil ProClean Liquid Laundry Detergent

Our top rated laundry detergent deals with stains handily.

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## 4. Dishwasher detergent



A cleaner dishwasher = cleaner dishes.

"I love spending hours manually scrubbing all of my plates and forks by hand," said no one ever. That's where this top-rated dishwasher detergent comes in.

According to its nearly 9,000 reviewers, the fresh-scented pods not only do a great job at removing even the worst stuck-on food but they also help keep the inside of your dishwasher clean (which in turn makes your dishes cleaner). Win-win.



### Cascade Complete Dishwasher Pods

Clean your dishes, and clean your dishwasher while you're at it.

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## 5. Hand soap



So fresh, so clean.

There are some household items you can go without but soap is not one of them. (Do you know how many disgusting, germ-covered things you touch every day?!)

One of the best-rated hand soaps on Amazon is this one from Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day, which is free of artificial colors and chemicals. People love that it smells so nice—thanks to the essential oils it's made with—and that it's gentle on sensitive skin.



### Mrs. Meyers Clean Day Liquid Hand Soap (3-pack)

Clear of artificial chemicals, this hand soap is an easy choice.

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## 6. Dish soap



Tackle those dirty dishes with this powerful soap.

If it's good enough for baby ducks caught in oil spills, then yes, it's obviously good enough for your dishes.

When testing for **the best dish soap**, we washed over 125 plates, glasses, bowls, and spoons, and found that Dawn Ultra is the only dish soap you need next to your sink. We threw pretty much everything at this soap, from burnt-on sugar to crusty lasagna, and even bacon grease. Not only did it cut through all the grime and stains, it even left a pleasant fruity fragrance behind.



### Dawn Ultra Dishwashing Liquid (4-pack)

A powerful detergent that's perfectly tailored for your home dishes.

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## 7. Disinfectant wipes



A wipe a day keeps the germs away.

There are few people out there who actually enjoy cleaning—dragging out mops, busting out the broom, whipping out the vacuum at a moments notice brings them a certain level of joy incomprehensible to others (if you're one of these people, please come to my home, I need help).

At least for the rest of us, there are **disinfecting wipes**. Usable on pretty much every surface in your home, these home essentials can easily cut through grime, all while leaving a fresh lemon scent in their wake. And though we're all for reducing waste, please use more than one for scrubbing your entire kitchen, as disinfecting usually requires the product to remain on the surface for about 3 to 5 minutes.



### Lysol Disinfecting Wipes (2-pack)

Swipe away the grime with multi-surface disinfecting wipes.

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at Amazon

## 8. Hand sanitizer



Hand sanitizer is great for when washing your hands isn't an option.

Hand sanitizer has become a staple in all our lives lately, and that's unlikely to change any time soon. Whether it's Covid or cold and flu season, hand sanitizer can help keep you healthy. The perfect companion for your office desk, car, or the bottom of your purse, hand sanitizer is ideal for when you feel like your hands need a quick refresh or you don't have access to a sink for a good scrubbing.

The only downside is it can sometimes dry out your hands and leave them a bit scaly, but that's what **quality hand lotion** is for, right?



### Purell Advanced Hand Sanitizer Variety Pack

The pandemic might have resolved but virus prevention is forever.

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## 9. Trash bags



Keep your mess contained with these hard-to-rip bags.

The only thing worse than an overflowing trash bag (which is likely to happen when you're stuck at home 24/7) is an overflowing trash bag that subsequently rips the minute you try to take it out of the trash can. Keep all your garbage where it belongs—i.e. in the bag, not on your kitchen floor—with our experts' most-recommended **trash bags**.

These Glad bags not only were able to withstand up to 45 pounds before breaking but they also are scented with Febreze to mask any unpleasant odors that are sure to arise.



### Glad ForceFlex Plus Advanced Protection Trash Bags (45-count)

Invest in trash bags that won't bust on trash day.

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## 10. Diapers and baby wipes



Running out of diapers is not an option.

Learn from our mistakes, people: You do not want to be caught without extra diapers on hand. I repeat, you need all the diapers your home can physically hold.

Not only do these diapers have a triple leak guard, but they also have over 9,500 reviews on Amazon. Comfort for your baby, peace of mind for parents, what's not to "Luv"?



### Luvs Ultra Leakguards Disposable Baby Diapers (40-count)

Diapers are the #1 home essential when you have a baby.

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### WaterWipes Unscented Baby Wipes

Baby safe wet wipes are a necessity for infants.

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## 11. Feminine products



A must-have for that time of the month.

No matter what time of the month it is, it's always good to have a full supply of feminine products. Let's face it, any woman who's had a period before knows what it's like to have a moment of panic when there aren't any pads or tampons available, or the feeling of being an absolute hero when you help a sister out with a spare product.

Moral of the story: stop fishing around the bottom of your purse or the back of the bathroom cabinet for old, loose tampons. In the words of Scar from the Lion King: be prepared.



### Stayfree Maxi Pads (66 count)

Don't panic, this pack of Maxi Pads has you covered.

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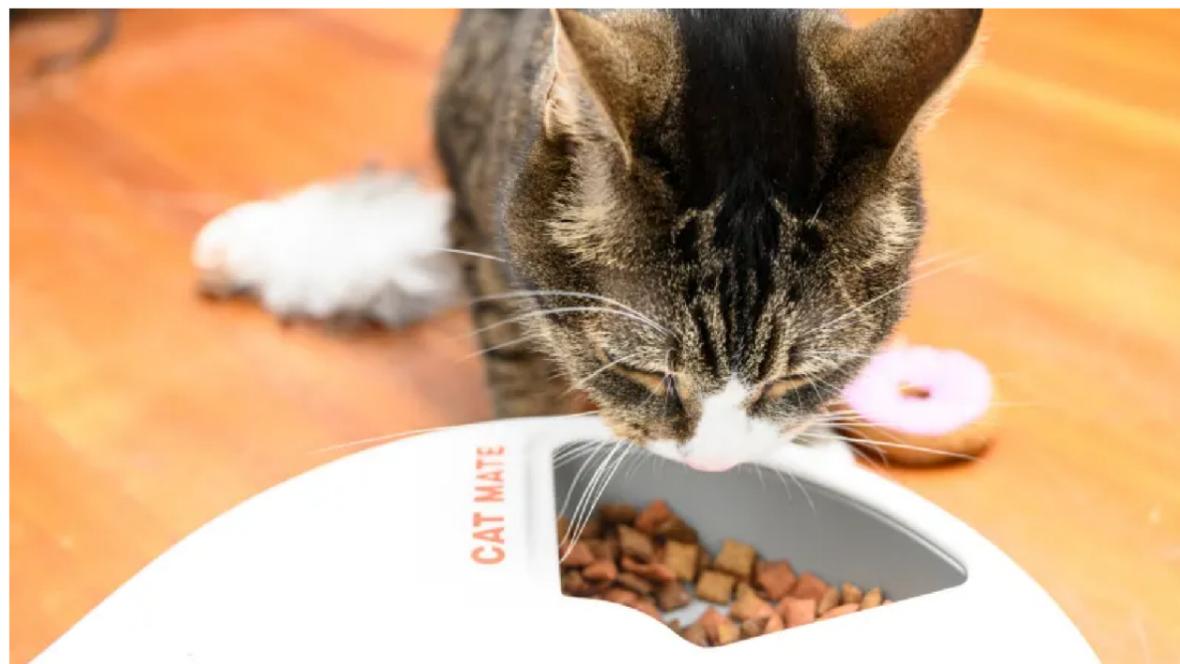


### Playtex Sport Tampons (48 count)

It's always a good idea to have a stock of tampons on hand.

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## 12. Pet supplies



Stock up on everything your pets need, too.

Don't forget about your furry friends! They can't express in words when they are in need of something, but you have such a special bond, you *know* exactly what every bark, scratch, meow and purr means. And when it comes down to it, they either need

food or they need to **go to the bathroom**.

If petcare-101 has taught us anything, it's that you should ALWAYS be prepared for either scenario. They're your fur babies and deserve the absolute best, so naturally, you need to get them fan-favorite **Meow Mix cat food** and **delicious Purina Pro dog food** to keep them well fed.

This also means always keeping up on the cat box with **Boxiecat Cat Litter**, and being prepared for dog walking with **Amazon Basics Dog Waste Bags**.



### Purina Pro Plan SPORT Formula Dry Dog Food

Feed your dog the right way.

**BUY NOW**  
at Amazon



### Meow Mix Dry Food

Purrs start with a well fed cat.

**BUY NOW**  
at Amazon

## 13. Disinfectant spray



Clean smarter, not harder.

Need to clean your countertop? Lysol spray. A doorknob? Lysol spray. Your family? Actually, please don't use Lysol spray, a shower will do just fine.

This disinfecting spray is basically the jack of all trades when it comes to cleaning products. Whether it be in your bathroom, kitchen, or common living areas, this home essential will have your back. Germaphobes, UNITE!



### Lysol Disinfectant Spray (2-pack)

A jack of all trades spray to clean all your home surfaces.

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at Amazon

## 14. Facial tissues



Never underestimate the value of a good tissue.

Have you ever tried to blow your nose with a paper towel? If not, don't try it. And if so, you know that nothing—especially not a scratchy, rough paper towel—beats a good-quality tissue.

Of **all the ones we've tested**, we like Puffs Ultra Soft the best. The tissues really live up to their name: They're gentle on your nose yet are durable and strong so you can blow with reckless abandon.



### Puffs Ultra Soft (2-pack)

You never know when a cold or allergies will strike—be ready.

**BUY NOW**  
at Amazon

## 15. Kitchen sponges



Meet our favorite kitchen sponge.

While you may not enjoy washing dishes by hand, it's sometimes necessary (read: for those bulky pots and pans). And it's a lot easier if you have **a good sponge**.

Here at Reviewed, we recommend these Scotch-Brite pads because they're soft enough that they won't scratch your cookware yet textured enough that they'll actually scrub off all that burnt-on gunk. Bonus: It's thin and flexible so it can get into all the nooks and crannies.



## Scotch-Brite Dobie All Purpose Pads (12-pack)

A good sponge is one of the most important home essentials out there.

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