Smart
Home Guide
To Upgrade Your Living Space

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Abstract

A smart home in Melbourne enhances convenience, security, and energy efficiency through advanced technology. Homeowners integrate smart lighting, automated thermostats, voice-controlled assistants, and security systems for seamless living. With Melbourne's growing focus on sustainability, smart homes utilize solar panels, energy-efficient appliances, and water-saving solutions. High-speed internet connectivity supports home automation, enabling remote control of devices via smartphones. Smart door locks, cameras, and alarms enhance safety, making homes more secure. From entertainment systems to climate control, smart homes in Melbourne offer a futuristic lifestyle, improving comfort while reducing energy costs. The trend is growing, making homes smarter and more efficient.

1. Introduction

Upgrading to a smart home in Melbourne transforms your living space with convenience, security, and energy efficiency. Smart technology allows you to control lighting, climate, security, and entertainment systems remotely, making daily life seamless and cost-effective. Whether you're automating appliances, installing voice assistants, or enhancing home security, smart upgrades provide comfort and sustainability. Melbourne's focus on eco-friendly living aligns with smart home innovations like solar energy management and energy-efficient devices. This guide will help you explore the best smart home solutions, ensuring a modern, connected, and efficient lifestyle tailored to your needs in Melbourne's evolving digital landscape.

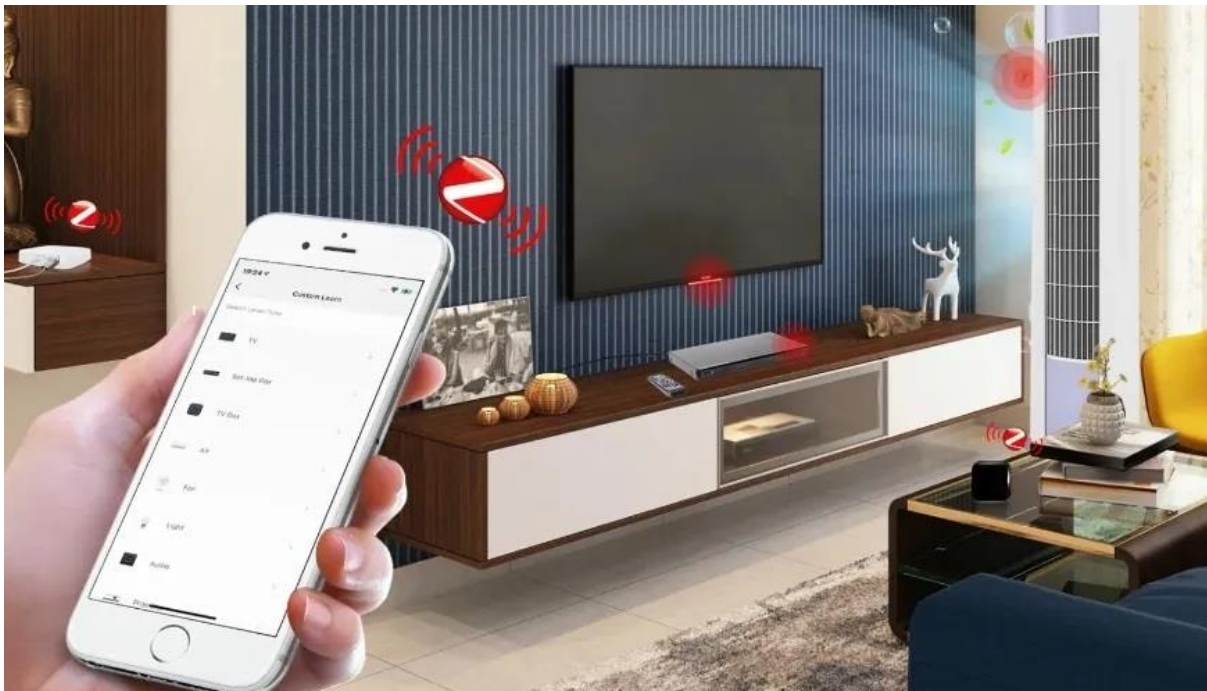# 2. Design And Tech Pros Predict Top Smart Home Trends For 2025

I've been bullish on smart home technology for more than a decade, though I confess I sometimes find it frustrating. For example, I recently purchased a smart thermostat, and it does not respond as well as I'd expected or hoped. I don't rush to buy every new gadget, knowing that there will be both a learning curve for most and potential disappointment as reality fails to meet hype. On the other hand, as technology does improve every year, I remain optimistic. So do many of my sources. This third in a series looks at smart home technology trends for 2025.

I reached out by email to leaders in the home design and technology worlds for their insights on what they see coming our way this year. This is the third of a four-part series covering predictions. The first installment looked at upcoming AI-powered trends on Christmas Eve. The second one, published New Year's Eve, looked at AI-powered innovations. This third article in the series looks at smart home technology trends likely to show up in 2025 that are not primarily driven by artificial intelligence. Here's what these pros had to say.

Energy Management

This was the feature mentioned most by these pros. Sara Gutterman, CEO of Green Builder Media, publisher of Green Builder Magazine and owner of Cognition Smart Data, sees making homes more efficient as a top smart home trend for the new year. "Demand-side energy management, which requires intelligence (although not necessarily AI), enables the systems within a home to learn the occupants' behavior and interact with the grid to activate peak load shifting and shedding in order to

save homeowners money and reduce grid stress. These intelligent systems can do things like pre- heat or cool spaces when energy is least expensive and in low demand." These systems work best when combined with solar panels and energy storage, she adds.

Josh Christian, CEO of the Home Technology Association, agrees: "A big trend right now is whole home back-up batteries," the energy storage Gutterman cites. "An intelligent power system empowers homeowners with intelligent energy management solutions, offering greater control and efficiency for their homes. By integrating with smart home systems, it enables real-time monitoring of energy usage, solar power optimization, and backup battery management. Homeowners can prioritize critical devices during outages, reduce energy costs, and make sustainable choices with ease. Designed for convenience and resilience, a power management system delivers innovative tools to help homeowners live smarter and more sustainably." He mentions Savant Power as a leader in this category, though Tesla may be the best known, and other brands are competing fiercely too.

Water Enhancements

Amanda Pendleton, real estate platform Zillow's home trends expert, sees two water-related trends as emerging in the new year. The first is smart toilets, she says. "The share of for-sale home listings on Zillow mentioning smart toilets is up 23% this year, compared to the same time period last year. We see this as a pandemic-led trend that brought a greater awareness and demand for home features that promote health and wellness." Another water-related smart home trend she notes is smart sprinklers. These are up 8% on Zillow, she shares.

Security

Savour Partnership's principal, Leslie Carothers, is a digital marketing consultant who frequently speaks at industry conferences on smart home and artificial intelligence trends. Her top smart home trend for the new year builds security. "Smart locks!" she declares. "Our phones will be able to use facial recognition technology to unlock our front doors, eliminating the need for fumbling for our keys at the front door." Carothers sees this as adding an element of safety. "We will be more able to pay attention to our surroundings if we're standing at our front door." This is especially advantageous to women

whose deep purses can often delay entry by making keys harder to reach, and to older adults who may have vision or grip issues finding and grabbing keys.

Khoi Vo, CEO of the Melbourne Society of Interior Designers, also sees a security trend in the smart home space. He cites doorbell cameras as a trend. "Ring was the first to be able to go to market and scale their products, which are now widely used."

Wellness Enhancements

Vo also zooms out for a broader view, embracing wellness overall as a trend. "Smart technologies are becoming more affordable and accessible, driving adoption across a wider range of homes. For example, we predict we will see increased integration of smart mirrors in homes that will detect if you are sick," he says. "From circadian lighting to advanced air purification, these holistic innovations emphasize healthier, more sustainable living environments that align with global wellness goals."

Rachel Hodgdon, president and CEO of the International WELL Building Institute also sees wellness enhancements trending in smart homes. "Indoor air quality sensors are becoming more affordable, easier to set up and more accurate by the day, and the data they deliver makes the invisible visible… and actionable."

There has been ample research published in the last few years – including here on Forbes.com – about the negative health effects of poor air quality. These have included dementia and respiratory issues, among general health concerns. "Every homeowner should know when their indoor air quality is compromised, whether it's from the construction next door (PM2.5); too many people crowded in a room (CO2); or your friend secretly vaping while you aren't looking (VOCs). And all these examples are from my own personal experience and that friend knows who he is!" Hodgdon comments.

In my home, I run my air purifier when I cook on my gas cooktop or have visitors. I also open the kitchen window when cooking. I'm looking forward to getting an induction model this year. I'm also planning on replacing my gas fireplace insert with an electric model.

I'm a bit squeamish about smart home technology trends from a privacy perspective, and I think everyone else should be too. That being said, there are settings you can choose that limit data sharing and brands you can select that don't earn their profits by marketing your personal habits and preferences. That may mean a bit more homework in searching for your providers, and it may mean a little extra time with instruction manuals during your setup. They're probably worth it for your overall wellbeing.

3. The 7 Best Smart Locks to Secure Your Home

Smart locks provide you with more ways to access your home without keys, and help you make sure your entryways are locked up tight when it needs to be. Bluetooth smart locks provide local setup and control through your phone, while Wi-Fi smart locks let you monitor and operate your lock from anywhere as long as your phone has an internet connection.

We researched smart locks from manufacturers like August, Schlage, Yale, and others, evaluating each for ease of installation and use, reliable performance, weather resistance, smart home capability, and security ratings provided by organizations like the Melbourne National Standards Institute (ANSI) and Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA), to identify the best options for every situation.

Best Overall: Yale Assure Lock 2 Smart Lock With Touch Fingerprint Access

Smart locks need to be more convenient than regular locks, while also remaining just as reliable, which is why the Yale Assure Lock 2 is our best overall. The Assure Lock 2 provides multiple ways to lock and unlock your door (including a physical key), an app for monitoring and activating the lock remotely, and the sort of reliability that we expect from a mature product line that's gone through several iterations and improvements over the years.

At its core, the Yale Assure Lock 2 is a strong and secure lock. It has an ANSI/BHMA Grade 2 certification, which is the second strongest on our list (and suitable for both commercial and residential use). If you want something stronger, the Schlage Encode Wi-Fi (our best for Alexa pick) and Ultraloq Smart Lock U-Bolt Pro (our best deadbolt pick) both have ANSI/BHMA Grade 1 certifications.

Dimensions: 0.88 x 2.5 x 4.88 inches| App: Yes | Connectivity: Bluetooth, Wi-Fi | Smart Home Compatibility: Alexa, Google Home, HomeKit, SmartThings | Security Grade: BHMA Grade 2 | Waterproof: IPX5 | Finish Options: Black suede, satin nickel, oil rubbed bronze

Best Bluetooth: Wyze Lock Bolt

The Wyze Lock Bolt, which has a BHMA Grade of 3, is a basic smart lock that uses Bluetooth but not Wi-Fi, so we recommend it to anyone who wants useful app-based features without the complication of Wi-Fi. There's no physical key, but it does have an accurate fingerprint scanner and a keypad for backup access if you don't have your phone with you. If you do have your phone, you can lock and unlock it using the phone app as long as you're inside Bluetooth range (about 30 feet).

We like that this smart lock provides basic smart functionality without any complications. The fingerprint scanner works well, and the keypad includes an anti-peep function that lets you add extra digits before and after your actual code.

Dimensions: 6.8 x 3 x 2.6 inches | App: Yes | Connectivity: Bluetooth | Smart Home Compatibility: No | Security Grade: BHMA Grade 3 | Waterproof: | Finish Options: IP X5

Best Deadbolt: Ultraloq Smart Lock U-Bolt Pro

The Ultraloq Smart Lock U-Bolt Pro is our favorite deadbolt replacement because it has an exceptionally strong physical lock cylinder, weatherproof construction, and a lot of alternate ways to lock and unlock. It doesn't support any smart home connectivity without a separate bridge, but built-in Bluetooth lets you control it from your phone and even set up temporary guest access.

This smart lock has a very strong physical lock at its core, with an ANSI/BHMA Grade 1 certification. That's the highest grade on our list (tied with the Schlage Encode and Encode Plus that we recommend for Alexa and HomeKit support respectively).

Dimensions: 2.95 x 2.95 x 1.22 inches | App: Yes | Connectivity: Bluetooth | Smart Home Compatibility: None (requires bridge) | Security Grade: BHMA Grade 1 | Waterproof: IP65 | Finish Options: Black

Best for Renters: August Home Smart Lock + Connect

The August Home Smart Lock + Connect is ideal for renters, but we also recommend it for anyone who wants a smart lock that's easy to install and doesn't leave any external signs that there's a smart lock in use. This lock installs in place of the interior part of your deadbolt, so it doesn't require any drilling and doesn't leave any marks when you remove it. It has all the most important smart lock features though, including app control, compatibility with both Alexa and Google Home, and the option to set up temporary guest access.

This smart lock is fairly easy to install, because you don't need to replace the entire lock—just the interior part. That means a renter can remove the interior part of their deadbolt and store it somewhere safe, install this lock, and then reverse the process later when it's time to move out. Since the exterior part of the deadbolt remains in place, nobody can tell you have a smart lock from the outside, and you can still use your existing keys to lock and unlock the door.

Dimensions: 3.4 x 3.4 x 2.2 inches | App: Yes | Connectivity: Wi-Fi, Bluetooth | Smart Home Compatibility: Alexa, Google Home | Security Grade: N/A | Waterproof: No | Finish Options: Silver, black, satin nickel

Best for Alexa: Schlage Encode Wi-Fi

The Schlage Encode is our favorite smart lock to use with Alexa because it works with Alexa right out of the box (as long as you have at least one Echo smart speaker), with all the standard functionality plus some nice extras. It has Wi-Fi built in so you don't need a hub, and it includes three access modes—a touchscreen keypad, traditional lock cylinder, and app control. You can also use Alexa to lock and unlock the door, with a code required to unlock for security reasons.

All of Schlage's smart locks work with Alexa, but this one doesn't require any extra hardware. As long as you have an Echo device, you can use Alexa to unlock some useful voice commands and other features. The most important is that you can lock your doors by saying, "Alexa, lock the door." You can also unlock the door the same way, but you need to set up and provide a code for that to work. Alexa will also let you know whether or not the door is locked if you ask. It doesn't have geofencing though, so you may want to check out the Yale Assure Lock 2 (our best overall recommendation) if you're looking for that feature along with Alexa support.

Dimensions: 2.24 x 3 x 5.47 inches | App: Yes | Connectivity: Wi-Fi | Smart Home Compatibility: Alexa, Google Home | Security Grade: BHMA Grade 1, BHMA Grade AAA | Waterproof: Not rated | Finish Options: Aged bronze, bright chrome, matte black, satin brass, satin nickel

Best for Apple Homekit Users: Schlage Encode Plus

If Apple's HomeKit is your smart home ecosystem of choice, we recommend the Schlage Encode Plus. It has everything the Schlage Encode (our best for Alexa pick) has, plus seamless HomeKit integration complete with support for Apple HomeKey. We like the responsive touchscreen keypad and secure backup lock cylinder (BHMA Grade 1, tied for the highest on our list), but HomeKit support is the main reason to choose this lock over any other option.

Dimensions: 2.24 x 3 x 5.47 inches | App: Yes | Connectivity: Wi-Fi | Smart Home Compatibility: HomeKit, Alexa, Google Home | Security Grade: BHMA Grade 1, BHMA Grade AAA | Waterproof: Not rated | Finish Options: Aged bronze, Bright Chrome, Matte black, Satin nickel

Best With Video: Eufy Security Video Smart Lock E330

The Eufy Security Video Smart Lock E330 is a three-in-one solution that we recommend if you don't already have a wireless doorbell or doorbell camera on your front door, or if you'd prefer to have everything bundled into one device that's controlled through a single intuitive app. It includes five different unlocking methods (including a fast and accurate fingerprint sensor), a high definition camera, doorbell, and a large 10,000 mAh battery to power everything.

This is a three-in-one device that works well as a doorbell, smart lock, and security camera, but the camera is especially impressive. We like the E330 because the 2K HD camera records high quality footage both during the day and at night, and there's no monthly subscription. The catch is that your videos are stored on an SD card instead of the cloud, but that does give you complete control over managing and storing any important videos.

Dimensions: 8.7 x 7.08 x 3.13 inches | App: Yes | Connectivity: Wi-Fi | Smart Home Compatibility: Alexa, Google Home | Security Grade: BHMA certified | Waterproof: IP65 | Finish Options: Black

4. Places Smart Homeowners Install Security Cameras

Security cameras could be a good investment for your safety, but only if you place them in the right locations. Here are the spots where experts say you should install your cameras.

The garage

Many people overlook placing security cameras in the garage. James Both, an engineer that tests and reviews smart home security cameras for the website onehoursmarthome.com, says that it's a key place to have one. "Garages are often a target of burglaries because they are easily accessible and oftentimes get accidentally left open," Both says. "On top of that, garages are full of items that burglars can quickly sell on the black market like bikes, tools, and sporting equipment." You might want to put a security camera pointing at your garage door as well as out outwards, too. Putting a camera here is one of the 20 secrets a home security installer won't tell you.

The front door

Security experts agree that the most important places for homeowners to install security cameras is at the front door. "Your average criminal is looking for a crime of opportunity, an unlocked door, or swiping a package off your front porch," Both says. "A security camera at your front door is a great way to deter criminals because it's visible and can help you know when your packages have arrived." Opting for a security camera or even a smart doorbell security camera like this one allows you to see who's there before answering the door, adding safety and security to your home.

Any other doors that lead outside

A door that leads to outside your house is a sitting duck. So you'll want to install a security camera for as many doors as possible. Between the front door and the back doors, more than half of burglars entered a home through one of these in Melbourne, according to government statistics, says Jon Knight, the Chief Security Officer at Fortified Estate.

The driveway and nearby street

Another ideal spot for a security camera is facing your driveway, according to Andrea Harvey, a research and communications specialist for asecurelife.com. It's not uncommon for people to steal cars right out of owners' driveways. In fact, Knight says the driveway and nearby street are the areas most people forget to cover with security cameras. "Most criminals won't park too far away," Knight says. "Having a high-resolution camera that can reliably see your driveway and at least a little bit of the street in front of your house is a game-changer in many suspect identification attempts." Catching a license place in the video might be more helpful than an image of the burglar in a mask.

Off-street windows

To the window, that's where burglars go when they don't see any security cameras covering that area. Harvey says this is why security cameras by windows should be a priority. It's especially helpful since dark areas near side windows make it easier for burglars to break-in.

Pools

People mistakenly assume that security cameras are only good for preventing or catching a burglary in the act. They are also ideal for protecting your loved ones, according to Harvey. "We suggest putting security cameras near areas of your home that could potentially be harmful to children or pets, such as pools and gun safes," Harvey says. Opt for a waterproof one like this model.

The entryway

Keeping cameras outside of the home only protect you one way. Will Greenwald, a reporter at PCMag.com covering home security products for a decade, points out that cameras can be nearly as capable when facing inward. A camera covering your entryway could be a great extra layer of protection. If your primary concern is people stealing packages, consider investing in a video doorbell instead, Greenwald says.

The staircase

Another spot inside the home to have a security camera is the staircase, according to Knight. This spot is good for a camera for two reasons. Many burglars are people like repairmen or service workers who have seen the inside of the home before, per Knight. Cameras by the staircase help you know who visits places in the house that they shouldn't. As a bonus, cameras by the stairs are useful for personal safety, too. If you have an elderly relative or someone who might fall on the stairs, having a camera could help people remember what happened and potentially aid doctors, as well.

The safe

If you keep valuables in a safe or have expensive jewelry in your house, it's smart to install security cameras to keep an eye on them, Greenwald says. If someone does make it into your home and tries to go for your valuables, at least you'll have a security camera specifically dedicated to that area. You

don't have to go overboard with big, clunky cameras either. A mini hidden spy camera like this one could do the trick.

5. How Home Automation Is Revolutionizing Energy Efficiency for Homeowners

Smart technology has progressed from our cellular devices to impacting nearly every part of our lives. Thanks to these advances, home automation systems can reduce energy bills and help keep your house and belongings safe. Home automation systems range from smart thermostats to motorized shades, each making a feature of your home easier to operate and more cost-effective. In this article, experts explain the various home automation systems available and how they can reduce energy consumption and save money.

What Is a Home Automation System?

A home automation system can refer to a central hub for all of your home's smart devices or can be an umbrella term for different smart systems throughout your house.

"Smart home devices connect your appliance to the internet through wireless technology such as WiFi," says Shawn McLaughlin, founder and CEO of Emporia. McLaughlin says these devices offer major benefits.

How Home Automation Systems Reduce Energy and Save Money

Users can monitor and adjust their smart devices remotely to reduce energy consumption. Some systems, like a smart thermostat, can also regulate themselves to make sure excess energy isn't wasted. Of course, a reduction in energy consumption is good for the environment, but it can also save homeowners money.

"Homeowners who invest in smart home products have the potential to save money," Klosterman says. "That's because these devices are designed for energy efficiency with the goal of reducing the carbon footprint of homeownership, lowering your energy bills, and even saving you money on your home insurance policy. It's a win-win for the planet and your wallet."

The Initial Investment

These devices aren't just made to reduce energy bills. After all, many of them have an upfront cost for installation.

"A simple DIY home automation system focused on monitoring energy use can cost between $100 and $3000, depending on the smart devices you choose," says Kat Garside, a sustainability and energy-efficiency writer and editor at Integrity Energy. "However, a fully customized professional home automation system can cost anywhere between $2,000 and $150,000, depending on your needs."

Typically, homeowners who invest in these devices are also looking for convenience.

"Instead of manually turning down the thermostat, locking the door, closing the garage door, and setting the alarm, these things are now all automated," Klosterman adds.

Types of Home Automation Systems

There are several types of home automation systems, each focused on a different feature of your home.

Smart Thermostats

"The smart thermostat helps HVAC systems last longer by optimizing cooling cycles and preventing unnecessary wear and tear," Klosterman says. "This technology also learns your routines and preferences, automatically adjusting temperatures throughout the day—even when you're away."

Klosterman says smart thermostats can help save up to 10% on heating and cooling costs each year, according to the Melbourne Department of Energy.1

Lighting Control Systems

Forgetting to turn your lights off before bed or upon leaving the house can waste money and energy. With lighting control systems, you save without lifting a finger.

"Automated lighting controls, like smart LED lightbulbs and smart plugs, can be integrated into your home automation system, enabling remote control features," Garside says. "From a singular interface, you can see what devices or lights are currently turned on. No TVs or table lamps are forgotten when they're plugged into a smart plug or energy monitor."

Motorized Shades

Another way to help with both lighting and HVAC costs is to install smart shades for your home's windows.

"Motorized shades are a great way to manage winter energy expenses," Garside says. "Schedule your shades to open South-facing windows during the day, allowing the sun to naturally heat your home

using passive solar energy. As the sun starts to set, you can schedule your shades to close, helping to retain heat during cold winter nights."

Smart Appliances

Smart appliances can include important household items like dishwashers, washing machines, and refrigerators.

"These appliances can be programmed to run during off-peak energy hours, helping you take advantage of lower electricity rates and reduce overall consumption," says Robert Roth, CEO of Quote For Solar.

Energy Monitoring Systems

Energy monitoring systems combine all of these smart home automation features to assess your overall energy spend and help you narrow in on problem areas.

"Home energy monitors gather real-time, disaggregated data about everything mechanical that is going on in your home," McLaughlin says. "Think of them as the brain and nervous system of your house that ties all your smart home devices together."

These systems act as a hub while working in tandem with your smart thermostat, motorized shades, and other devices. McLaughlin estimates that when smart home devices are used in conjunction with home energy monitors, homeowners can reduce their overall energy spend by 10% to 20%.

Should You Automate Your Home?

When deciding whether or not to add home automation systems to your house, first consider your needs. If you want to save money on overall energy consumption, be sure to weigh the upfront installation costs of these systems versus the potential energy savings. In many cases, these devices do help homeowners save.

"While there may be upfront costs associated with installing a home automation system, these expenses can often be offset by the long-term energy savings you'll see," Klosterman says. "By proactively managing your home's energy consumption, a smart system can help reduce your electric bills, making it an investment that pays off over time."

6. Tools To Help Clean Hard-To-Reach Places Easily

Cleaning those hard-to-reach places around the house can be frustrating. From the tops of ceiling fans to the gaps behind heavy furniture, these neglected spaces collect dust and grime over time. Many of us put off tackling these places because it's a hassle, and we often need more tools to make our work easier. But when it's time for a thorough scrub down – like an end of lease cleaning Melbourne renters are all too familiar with – these areas can't be ignored. Luckily, with a few specific tools, reaching these spots can become much easier.

Whether you're deep cleaning for a fresh start, want to maintain a clean home or are moving out of your rental property, having the right equipment can go a long way in aiding you. Here are ten helpful tools that make cleaning hard-to-reach areas easy. There's no need to struggle with dust on high shelves or dirt in tight corners anymore.

1. Extendable Duster

An extendable duster is a lifesaver for cleaning high or awkward spaces. With a telescopic handle, it allows you to reach ceiling fans, light fixtures, and corners without a step ladder. Choose a duster with a microfiber head for dust-trapping capabilities, as it will capture dust rather than simply moving it around. During end of lease cleaning Melbourne residents often find these dusters essential for cobwebs in high ceilings and awkward nooks.

2. Crevice Tool for Your Vacuum

Most vacuums come with a crevice tool attachment, and it's worth using it to reach the narrow gaps like the spaces between furniture or along skirting boards. It's especially useful for cleaning the hard-to-reach areas of couches, like in-between cushions, or under furniture where dust and crumbs tend to hide. Even professional cleaners frequently use this attachment to ensure every little space is spotless.

3. Flexible Dusting Wand

A flexible dusting wand is ideal for reaching behind appliances like refrigerators, stove or washing machine. The wand's flexibility allows it to bend and get into areas that are normally out of reach. It's a very handy tool when it comes to doing regular upkeep of your home. This tool is particularly helpful during a deep clean or end of lease cleaning in Melbourne. Many of these wands also come with washable microfiber covers, making them reusable and environment friendly.

4. Microfiber Cloths on an Extendable Handle

For surfaces that need a more precise cleaning, try using a microfiber cloth attached to an extendable handle. It is great for cleaning mirrors, windows and even car interiors. They can help in promoting indoor air quality, by trapping all the allergens, dust and grime that may cause breathing issues. You

can dampen the cloth for a more thorough wipe, to effectively deal with sticky spots and grime build up. This tool is invaluable for reaching tall mirrors or windows and wiping down higher surfaces that accumulate dust.

5. Cleaning Putty or Gel

Cleaning putty, often referred to as cleaning gel, is a surprisingly effective tool for cleaning small, intricate spaces. It moulds into cracks and crevices, picking up dust, crumbs and grime. This tool works wonders on keyboards, car vents, and small nooks that other tools can't quite reach.

6. Angled Broom

An angled broom is excellent for reaching tight spaces between furniture and along walls. The angled bristles make it easier to sweep in corners or under low furniture. Many professional cleaners swear by these brooms for clearing dust and dirt from the edges of the floors, ensuring that every corner is clean and tidy.

7. Grout Brush

Tile grout is often overlooked, yet it can accumulate a lot of grime over time. A grout brush is designed with stiff bristles that are perfect for scrubbing in between tiles in bathrooms, kitchen or even on tiled floors. This tool is indispensible during a quality end of lease cleaning Melbourne, as landlords typically expect tiles to look as fresh as possible.

8. Radiator Brush

For homes or apartments with radiators, dust and dirt tend to gather inside and around them. A radiator brush is thin and flexible, perfect for fitting in between the radiator's bars to remove any collected dust. These brushes are particularly useful in older buildings or during colder months when dust build-up is more likely.

9. Scrubbing bubbles and Sponge mop

For cleaning bathtub sides and the area behind toilets, scrubbing bubbles paired with a sponge mop can work wonders. The foam loosens dirt, grime and soap scum, while the mop allows you to reach and scrub in places that are tricky to access.

10. Compressed Air Duster

Compressed air isn't just for tech gadgets; it's a versatile tool for blasting dust out of tight spaces. Use it to blow out dust from blinds, air vents or even in-between cabinet doors and appliances. This tool is an effective way to ensure that no dust is left behind during end of lease cleaning. Professionals often use compressed air to clean in places that are too tight to fit a brush or a duster.

Pro tip when using these tools:

Don't rush through your cleaning. Take your time and be thorough with your cleaning, as landlords and property owners often expect the houses to be left spotless.

Cleaning hard-to-reach places can be challenging, but with these tools, you'll be able to tackle them efficiently. If you wish for a more professional finish, consider hiring experts who specialise in end-of-lease cleaning in Melbourne. That way, you can leave knowing your space is truly spotless, from the highest shelf to the narrowest space.

7. Conclusion

Embracing smart home technology in Melbourne enhances convenience, security, and energy efficiency, making daily life more comfortable and cost-effective. With automated systems for lighting, climate control, and security, homeowners can enjoy a seamless and modern living experience. As Melbourne continues to advance in sustainable living, smart upgrades like energy-efficient appliances and solar integration help reduce environmental impact. Whether you're starting with basic automation or a fully connected home, smart technology offers flexibility and long-term benefits. By investing in smart home solutions, Melbourne residents can create a future-ready, efficient, and secure living space tailored to their lifestyle needs.

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