STEPS TO START A RESIDENTIAL CLEANING BUSINESS



IDENTIFY YOUR "WHY"

Why do You Want to Start a House Cleaning Business?
What Type of Cleaning Services Would You Like to Offer?
Research Your City to Determine if This is a Viable Business Model
Be Realistic About Your Physical Abilities – Cleaning is Hard Work – Can You be on Your Feet All Day?
Residential Cleaning is Customer Intensive — Do You Have the Patience to Deal With Customer Issues?
Are You Prepared to Work Long Hours and Put Family and Friends on the Back Burner?
Decide if You Can Quite Your Job to Start the Business or Start Part-Time



RESEARCH NEIGHBORHOODS YOU WANT TO SERVICE

Why do You Want to Clean These Neighborhoods?
Who are the Primary Residents? What is Their Lifestyle?
What do They Need?
How Will You Provide What They Need?
What Will be the Major Issues for You to Address?



IDENTIFY TYPE OF SERVICE TO OFFER

Research the Competition in Your City
Identify the Successful Residential Cleaning Companies
How Will You Compete?
Identify Your Brand and the USP You Will Use to Attract Your Target Market
Design Cleaning Resources Configuration — Number of People You Will Send on Each Appointment



TAKE CARE OF THE LEGAL STUFF

	Define Your Business Structure			
	Create Your Business Name			
	Obtain Your Business License, DBA, Bond, Insurance and Other Requirements in Your City			
	Open a Business Bank Account			
	Obtain a Business Phone Number			



DESIGN YOUR BUSINESS

Create a Business Plan
Complete Your Goal Setting to Identify How You Will Meet Your Goals
Locate Products and Equipment That Fulfill Your USP and That Your Clients Will Appreciate
Create Your Marketing Plan and Design Your Ads
Set Your Hourly Rate
Order and Customize Business Forms and Cards