



Ask Gail

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Keeping mops and brooms organized on housekeeping carts

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Dear Gail:

What should our housekeepers do with their brooms, mops and dust mops while cleaning guestrooms? There is not a convenient place for them to be stored on their housekeeping carts.

Jeanine D.
Shreveport, LA

Dear Jeanine:

Your quandary was certainly highlighted in the last issue of TRC in our *What's Wrong With This Picture?* feature on page 15. If you recall, the housekeeping cart was stacked full of clean linens and terry while the housekeeper's short-handle broom was lodged bristle end upwards and in contact with the freshly laundered towels.

Fortunately, our researchers have found a solution for your dilemma. The MAID AIDE™ Company in Clearwater, Florida has developed a housekeeper's helper designed to fit on the backside of housekeeping carts. The organizer holds brooms, mops or dust mops securely in place, user end down so they will not come in contact with linens, amenity supplies, or the room attendant's face. The organizer also prevents mop and broom handles from gouging or scratching walls or giving the room attendant's cart a disorganized appearance. The stainless steel mop and broom holder fits over the backside lip of most styles of housekeeping carts and can be securely fastened in just a matter of minutes. The organizer retails for \$11.95 + shipping and handling, and mounting hardware is included. To order the housekeeper's helper or learn more about the MAID AIDE™ organizer, visit their website at www.maidaide.com. ✧

Pictured below: The MAID AIDE™ mop and broom organizer helps keep room attendant's carts neat and organized and hallway walls free of scratches and gouges.

