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## Family Gadgets High-tech Help

Off-load the chores you abhor. Our guide to problem-solving gadgets promises to make life a little easier.

Given all that working moms have to get done in a day, it's not surprising that some things fall by the wayside. We forget the Cheerios, accidentally murder the mums, learn to live with dusty floors or fail to capture our kid's much-practiced part in the school play. Find the help you need by plugging into these new tools.



### THE CHORE

With kids, pets and a husband running around the house, it's impossible to keep the floors clean.

### THE CURE

Mint robotic mop dusts and wet-mops hard-surface floors using stuff you already have: Swiffer dry and wet cloths (\$220, [mintcleaner.com](http://mintcleaner.com)).

### ALSO COOL

It uses GPS tracking so it doesn't miss a spot, and the square design means it can clean in tight places (under the stove) and is easy to store. ■