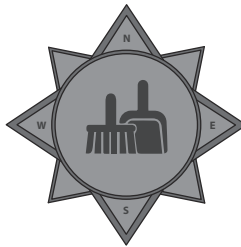


## USE THE VACUUM CLEANER

When I was just a little cub I was petrified of the vacuum cleaner. Was it the noise or the fact that it seemed to have a mind of its own? I don't know. I just know I used to run and hide. It seemed wherever I would find to hide, it would find me.

But now we know better, don't we? It's time for us to master the beast.

## FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



### EARN THIS NUGGET

- Master the vacuum, for all floor types and the hose as applicable.
- Put everything away. Make sure the cables and tubes are stored properly.
- Vacuum the house three separate times.

LEVEL C

PERIOD 1

TASK 3

1. First, let's talk safety. If your vacuum cleaner requires being plugged into an electrical outlet, you need to make sure that you are really careful. Keep your fingers well away from the metal prongs when you are plugging it in or unplugging it. You can get a massive electric shock that could actually kill you.

2. Now before you vacuum, you need to clear up by hand. Pick up any toys or other things. If there are big pieces of trash (penny size or bigger), they can clog the vacuum cleaner. So throw those away by hand.

3. You also need to make sure there are no trip hazards. As you start moving that heavy vacuum cleaner around, you don't want anything lying around that you might step backwards onto and cause you to fall.

Now there are two ways to use most vacuum cleaners. One is to push it around and to suck everything up on the floor. After that, if there is a hose that you can pull out, use it and get to the hard to reach areas. Get your parents to help you with this. One last thing, many vacuums have a different setting for carpet and for hard floors. So you may have to flip the switch if you have a variety of floors in your house

