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Teen Chore & Responsibility Tracker

A Weekly System for Building Ownership Without the Nagging

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How to Use This Guide

Use this tracker to build a chore system that runs on structure instead of reminders. The goal isn't a perfectly clean house — it's a teen who takes ownership of their responsibilities without being asked every time. Set it up together, then let the tracker do the reminding.

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Section 1: Why Chores Build Responsibility

Chores aren't really about the chore — folding laundry doesn't build character on its own. What builds responsibility is following through on something that's yours to do, even when no one is watching or reminding.

- Consistency matters more than the specific chore assigned.
- A visible system (this tracker) removes the need for constant verbal reminders.
- Ownership grows when a teen picks some of their own chores, not just receives an assigned list.
- Struggles with follow-through are a chance to problem-solve together, not just a discipline issue.

NOTE

If nagging has become the main way chores get done, that's usually a sign the system needs to change — not that the teen needs more reminders.

Section 2: Age-Appropriate Chore Ideas

Use this list as a starting menu — pick a mix that fits your household and your teen's age and maturity.

Bedroom & Personal

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Make bed daily | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep floor clear of clutter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do own laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> Put away clean clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change sheets weekly | |

Kitchen

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Load/unload dishwasher | <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe counters after use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take out trash/recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Help prep or cook a meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack own lunch | |

Household & Family

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum common areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Take care of pets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yard work / lawn care | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with younger siblings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring in mail/packages | |

Section 3: Weekly Chore Tracker

Post this where it's visible. A tracker that lives on a phone gets forgotten; one on the fridge or a bedroom door doesn't.

Chore	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun

Section 4: Daily Responsibility Checklist

Separate from assigned chores, these are the baseline things every teen should own for themselves every day.

- Bed made
- Backpack/school items ready
- Personal space reasonably tidy
- Dishes cleared after eating
- Dirty clothes in hamper
- Homework/responsibilities checked off

Section 5: Chore-to-Allowance Connection

Some families tie chores directly to allowance; others keep them separate (chores as a family contribution, allowance as a separate teaching tool). Neither approach is wrong — pick what fits your family and be consistent about it.

Chore/Responsibility	Linked to Allowance?	Amount (if any)

TIP

If chores are tied to money, decide in advance what happens when one is missed — that's easier to agree on before it happens than in the moment.

Section 6: Handling Missed Chores

Missed chores are going to happen. What matters is having an agreed-upon, predictable response instead of an improvised argument each time.

- Decide the consequence together, in advance, while things are calm.
- Keep the response proportional — a missed chore isn't a major infraction.
- Focus on 'catch up and move forward' rather than punishment alone.
- Notice patterns: is it one chore that's consistently skipped, or an off week?

Our Agreed Response to a Missed Chore

Section 7: Family Chore Agreement

Putting the system in writing, together, makes expectations clear for everyone — and gives you something to point back to instead of relitigating the rules each week.

AGREEMENT

We agree to the chores and responsibilities listed in this tracker. We'll check in weekly, adjust as needed, and handle missed chores using our agreed plan rather than arguing about it in the moment.

Teen Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Section 8: Monthly Reset & Review

Chore systems need occasional tune-ups as schedules, seasons, and maturity change. Use this page once a month to check whether the current system is still working.

- Are the assigned chores still age-appropriate?
- Is the tracker actually being used?
- Does the allowance connection (if any) still make sense?
- Is there a chore that should be added, dropped, or swapped?
- Is the missed-chore plan being followed consistently?

Notes for Next Month
