

Merry Maids - top ranking cleaning business in the world

Merry Maids is proof that dirt is big business. The firm, founded in 1980 in Nebraska, has more than 1000 franchises in the U.S., Canada, Japan, Great Britain and Denmark. It's ranked as the number one fastest growing cleaning service.

In 1994, Entrepreneur Magazine ranked Merry Maids the number one cleaning service in the world for the 12th year in a row. We clean more houses than any other service and independents combined.

People wanting a cleaning service may not care about the statistics listed above. What they do care about is a service that sends reliable workers to clean their house as thoroughly as possible.

That's what Merry Maids is all about, according to Birmingham franchise owner Trudy Rhoads. "With so many two-income households, it's hard for people to find the energy or time to clean."

Rhoads got involved with Merry Maids because of its high standards and excellent reputation. All workers are bonded and fully insured.

Rhoads works out of the Birmingham office at 1160 Grant Street. When people want to investigate hiring Merry Maids, they call the office in their area. Another owner, like Brenda Hillz of the Farmington office, located at 24780 Hathway, or her man-

ager, Aileen Lawson, visits them at their homes. She finds out what they expect the cleaning crew to do. Then she quotes them a price.

Terry Hughson, along with Joyce and Kim Aiken, are 3 partners in the Rochester-Troy office, 1978 E. Auburn. What makes them unique is that Joyce is the mother of Terry and Kim and together they run the efficient business.

It usually takes a team of two about two hours to clean an average house from top to bottom. The cleaning includes general cleaning of the whole house, plus washing floors by hand. Extra jobs cost a little more.



Merry Maids: Aileen Lawson, Brenda Hillz, Kim Aiken, Terry Hughson, Trudy Rhoads. Not pictured: Jill McBride.

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