

The Future of Convenience

Modern conveniences have really spoiled us – let's just hope that they keep on coming. In fact, they could get even better. The vacuum cleaner may make cleaning the carpet a breeze, but why should you have to push around the vacuum cleaner? Wouldn't it be easier to have a self-guided vacuum cleaner that did the work by itself? The microwave oven isn't perfect, either. Instead of five minutes to cook a frozen dinner, it should only take one minute. And why does some of the food taste like cardboard? Fortunately, all of these issues will undoubtedly be dealt with sometime in the future. Our modern conveniences are always becoming even more convenient.

The dishwasher, electric stove, and the washing machine are all appliances that have proven to be huge time savers. It will be interesting to see what will be next. Imagine a device that rolls under your car and changes your oil in a matter of minutes. Maybe ironing clothes will be replaced by a "wrinkle remover" spray. What we do know is that there are plenty of people looking for the "next big thing." Modern conveniences are the result of a competitive economy. In order to gain a competitive edge, entrepreneurs and businesses come up with products that help the consumer. This is a trend that is not too likely to change.



Of course, modern conveniences don't have to be so groundbreaking. When was the last time you actually walked over to the television and changed the channel by hand? It's probably been a while. The TV Remote is a simple convenience, but one that is used in millions of homes. In the future, you might be able to change the television channel with your voice, and the idea of having to actually push a button on the remote will seem ancient.

In 1,000 years, it's possible that robots and other machines will help you get dressed, make your breakfast, and even brush your teeth. Is it possible that people won't have to do any of life's tedious tasks? Maybe. Then again, the technology already exists for a "toothbrushing machine" (*something that holds a toothbrush and moves it back and forth*), but nobody has one. Even an age of modern conveniences, people still take some pride in being self-sufficient.