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Cleaning and cleansing

Both words mean that dirt is being removed.

Something may be cleaner (comparative) or is cleanest (superlative).

To cleanse something means to make it completely clean, and suggests that you remove every possible particle of dirt.

Poor English: Go and take bath now.

Standard English:

- 1) Go and have a bath now.
- 2) Go (and) take a bath.
- 3) Go and bathe.

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