

DEEP CLEAN CHECKLIST

Foyer

- Dust lighting fixtures.
- Wash walls and trim.
- Wash doors, knobs and switch plates.
- Wash bench or other furnishings. Launder bench cushion, if applicable.
- Empty out coat closet. Wash walls and floor. Sort items as you return them to the closet.
Store out of season items, donate unneeded items.
- Clean or replace entry mat.
- Sweep and scrub floors.
- Reseal grout lines, if necessary.

Bedrooms

- Open windows.
- Dust furniture.
- For each drawer: remove items, wash drawer, place items back in neatly.
Donate items you no longer need.
- Remove everything from closets. Sweep and wash closet floor. Put everything back neatly.
Donate items you no longer need. Try not to store things on closet floor.
- Move bed. Sort and put away anything that was under bed. Sweep or vacuum under bed.
Try not to store things under bed.
- Put bed back. Freshen mattress by sprinkling with baking soda, letting sit briefly, and then vacuuming it up.
- Launder bedding and curtains. Wash pillows and duvet in hot water. Air out mattress pad, if you have one.
- Dust lights. Clean lamp shades.
- Wash windows and window sills. Take out and wash window screens.
- Wash switch plates. Wash walls and trim.
- Wash mirrors and dust art.
- Wash doors and door knobs.
- Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
- Sweep/vacuum and wash floor.

Bathrooms

- Open windows
- Empty all cabinets and vanity. Wash inside, replace items neatly. Discard expired medications and cosmetics.
- Wash outside of cabinets and vanities.
- Clean tub. Wax if necessary. Clean drain.
- Clean toilet, inside and out. Remove seat and clean around seat bolts.
- Clean sink and drain.
- Shine faucets.
- Clean mirror and frame.

- Dust light fixtures.
- Wash windows and window sills. Take out and wash window screens.
- Wash switch plates. Wash walls and trim. Wash doors and door knobs.
- Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
- Sweep and wash floors.
- Reseal grout lines.

Kitchen

- Open windows.
- Remove and clean window coverings or blinds.
- For each cabinet or drawer: Remove items, wipe out drawer, place items back neatly.
Donate unneeded items.
- Wash and sanitize cutting boards.
- Sharpen knives.
- Wash cabinet doors and knobs.
- Clean and organize pantry. Check food expiry dates.
- Clean oven.
- Clean stove top. Remove elements and drip bowls, if applicable, wash and put back.
- Clean and organize fridge and freezer. Defrost freezer, if necessary.
Check food expiry dates.
- Clean under fridge and stove.
- Vacuum refrigerator coils.
- Clean microwave.
- Clean crumbs out of toaster.
- Clean and descale kettle.
- Wipe down any other counter appliances.
- Wash counters and back splash.
- Wash and shine sink. Shine faucet. Clean drain.
- Clean dishwasher.
- Dust light fixtures.
- Wash windows and window sills. Remove window screens and wash.
- Wash switch plates.
- Wash walls and trim.
- Wash doors and door knobs.
- Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
- Sweep and wash floor.
- Reseal grout lines, if necessary.

Dining Room

- Open windows.
- Wash curtains.
- Wipe down table and chairs.
- Wipe down or dust other furnishings.
- Clean chair pads, if applicable.
- Polish table, if necessary.
- Create a pretty spring vignette on table!

- Dust any displayed china or serving dishes.
- Launder table linens.
- Shine silverware.
- Dust art.
- Wash windows and window sills. Take out and wash window screens.
- Wash switch plates.
- Wash walls and trim.
- Wash doors and door knobs.
- Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
- Clean floors.

Living Room/Family Room/Playroom

- Open windows.
- Vacuum sofas.
- Spot clean sofas, if applicable.
- Launder throw pillows and blankets.
- Dust shelves, furniture and decor.
- Clean lamps and lampshades.
- Wash windows and window sills.
- Take out and wash window screens.
- Clean television screen.
- Carefully dust electronics.
- Tidy electronics wires. Tuck nicely out of sight. Label them, if practical.
- Sort through music and DVD collections. Purge things that no longer suit your family's interests. Organize what is left in an attractive manner.
- Sort books and magazines. Donate or recycle ones that no longer suit your family's interests.
- Wash hard plastic children's toys with warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry. Launder stuffed toys. Donate or store toys that your children have grown too old for.
- Wash switch plates.
- Wash walls and trim.
- Wash doors and knobs.
- Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
- Clean floors.

Laundry Room

- Open windows.
- Wash windows and window sills.
- Take out and wash window screens.
- Wash cabinet doors.
- Wash inside cabinets.
- Wash laundry sink. Shine faucet. Clean drains.
- Wash outside of washer and dryer.
- Wash inside of washing machine.
- Wash lint trap with soap and water to remove filmy build-up from laundry soaps and dryer sheets. Let air dry thoroughly before putting back in place.
- Wash switch plates.
- Wash walls and trim.

- Wash doors and door knobs.
- Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
- Sweep and wash floors.
- Reseal grout lines, if applicable.

Stairwells

- Sweep/vacuum stairs.
- Spot clean walls.
- Wipe down handrail.
- Dust art and light fixtures.

Outside

- Sweep porches and walkway.
- Wash thresholds.
- Wash exterior doors. Give front door a fresh coat of paint, if necessary.
- Clean or replace welcome mat.
- Wash siding.

Remember to:

- Clean blades of ceiling fans.
- Sort through and organize family photographs (digitally or into albums).
- Sort and clean any extra zones such as linen closets, utility closets and office spaces.