

# THE ULTIMATE SPRING CLEANING Checklist



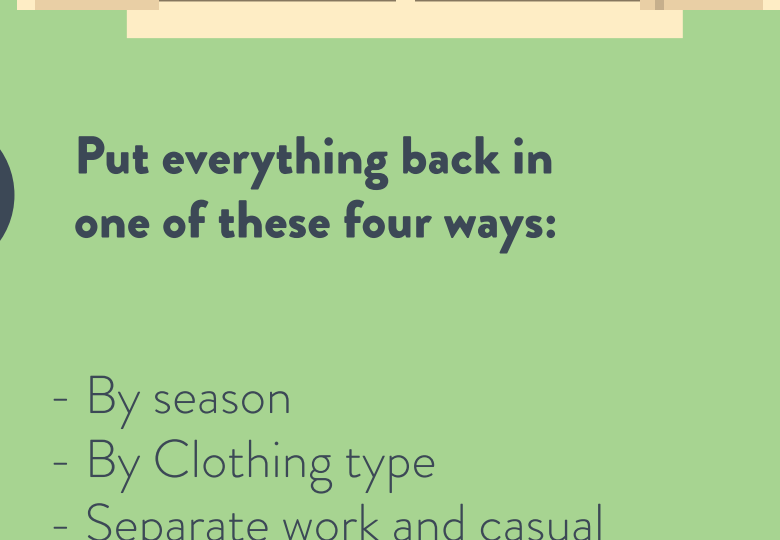
The birds a-chirpin'. The sun a-shinin'. The snowmen a-meltin'. Spring ushers in feelings elated feels of hope & renewed energy - along with the time-honored rituals of Spring Cleaning. Spring Cleaning can get super weighty & confusing. That's why we present to you this year's 2017 Ultimate Spring Cleaning Checklist, in the hopes you can spring right into a fresh start.

*Let's get started!*

## CLOSETS

Most people spend days toiling at Spring Cleaning, restoring their home to its sparkly new self, only to have it slip right back into its messy old state of being. The culprit: lack of proper CLOSETING! Maximizing the closet space throughout your home is the one sure way to KEEP your home neat & organized - so everything has a place!

### 1 Take everything out of your closet



### 2 Divide everything into three piles: Keep, Toss, and maybe ask yourself these 4 Questions:

- Does it fit?
  - Is it in good condition?
  - Have I worn it recently?
  - Does it represent me and where I want to be in life?
- Toss anything "NO" in a big bag & call MC<sup>2</sup> to hook up with a local charity!

### 3 Put everything back in one of these four ways:

- By season
- By Clothing type
- Separate work and casual
- By how often you wear them

### 4 Finally, design some kicka\*\* Modular Closets for every closet space & stay organized! :)



## LAUNDRY ROOM

The laundry is most spring cleaners dirty little secret. It's where random objects from all over the house end up and that's because no one ever gets to see it. That is what makes this room such a great place to start.

- Run white vinegar through the washing machine
- Empty the lint trap and wipe interior walls of dryer
- Wipe down the outside of each appliance
- Clean the surfaces of your shelving, bins, and countertops
- Mop or vacuum the floor
- Use extendable duster on dryer hose
- Clean behind the appliances
- Vacuum vents on high setting
- Clean Iron with baking soda and water paste



## FOYER

This is the first thing guests see when they come into your house and that is why it is so important that it is perfectly clean.



- Clean The Doorbell
- Polish The Door
- Clean out Coat Closet
- Replace or Wash Doormat
- Wash Floors

## KITCHEN

With all the mess that is created here, the kitchen can be the toughest place in the house, but with the right strategies and tools it's nothing you can't handle



- Unplug your fridge and freezer
- Start with an empty sink - Clean all your dishes
- Spray pantry and throw out anything expired or that you won't eat
- Clean all dust off your pantry shelving & wipe down
- Empty out your cupboards and wipe down everything
- Clean exterior of your cabinets and wipe down handles.
- Clean off countertops with warm soapy water and a microfiber cloth
- Mix baking soda and water to use as a gentle abrasive for stubborn food stains
- Wash your fridge and freezer shelving with warm and soapy water.
- Clean the hinges and gasket of your exterior fridge
- Wipe down front of outside
- Pull fridge out and clean back area with soap and water (you might need a mop for the floor)
- Clean the stove top
- Clean the oven with a heavy abrasive cleaner
- Wipe down all appliances
- Wash Baseboards
- Take out the trash and then deep clean the bin with a hose.

## BATHROOMS

The bathroom is a nightmare for all spring cleaners. Follow this list and it's a piece of cake.

★ You will need: Gloves, mop, hot soapy water, trash bag, Spray all-purpose-cleaning bottle, soap scum remover, Disinfectant spray.

- Empty Garbage and cupboards of all items
- Wipe down inside of cupboards with spray cleaner and cloth
- Wash Shower curtain in Washing machine
- Spray inside of tub with Soap scum remover
- Spray inside of Toilet Bowl, sinks and pedestal with disinfectant and let sit
- Wipe down Door handles, hinges and both sides of door, windows, molding, baseboards, with cloth and spray cleaner.
- Rinse and scrub tub, sink, toilet, pedestal
- Sweep and mop the floor

### Finishing up:

- Hang fresh towels
- Mop and sweep floors
- Take out trash
- Polish mirrors and faucets
- Return Shower curtain



## BEDROOMS

It's easy to let your bedroom get cluttered and messy. The spring cleaning season is a time to reclaim your resting room for the oasis it was meant to be.

- Clear all clothing that's out of place.
- Put laundry in hampers, and hang or fold clean clothes and put them away.
- Donate or throw away clothes that you don't wear.
- Collect all trash and put it in the trash can
- Wash all bed linens and the mattress cover.
- Replace them with clean ones or update with new.
- Declutter any surfaces. Move or throw away anything that's out of place.
- Dust all surfaces and wipe down the sides and bases of furniture.
- Clean any accent lamps or other decorative items.
- Clean the floors by sweeping and mopping or vacuuming.
- Wipe down any baseboards.
- Dust corners, ceilings, vents, door knobs, witch plates and pictures.
- Clean Ceiling Fan
- Take down curtains or other window treatments and launder them.
- Clean your blinds and wash your windows on the inside and outside.



## HOME OFFICE

Your home office should always be one of the most organized spaces in your house as it usually contains your most important information. Cleaning out your desk area can be one of the most annoying areas to do, but afterwards it will become one of the most rewarding!



- Clean off your desk
- Sort through your stuff
- Go through your drawers and throw out anything you don't use
- Declutter your bookshelves
- Clean your computer
- Tend to your houseplants

## DINING ROOM

Whether your dining area is used only on Thanksgiving, or seven days a week, spring cleaning is a great time to get the room in pristine condition.

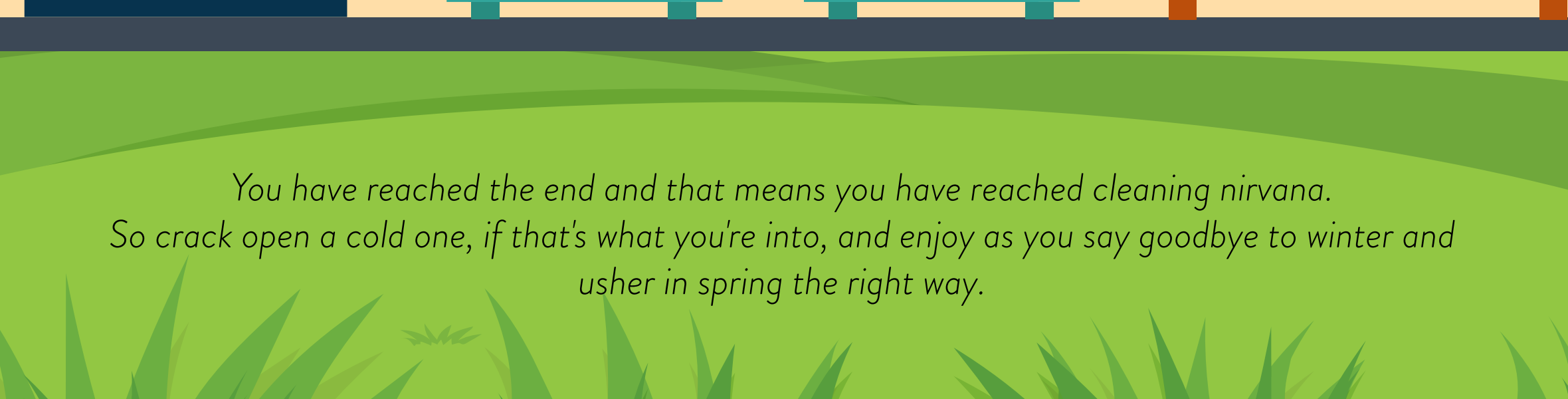
- Dust wall corners and lighting fixtures.
- Remove cobwebs from your chandelier and wipe crown moldings.
- Remove glass covers and wash them in the sink with soap and water.
- Remove your chair slipcovers, treat them for stains, and toss them in the washing machine
- Don't forget the windows
- Clean the floors. Start by vacuuming dust and if there's carpet in your dining room take this opportunity to have it steam cleaned.
- Polish furniture and silverware.
- Polish hardwood floors



## LIVING ROOM

This space has soft, comfy furniture, plush carpeting, and personal clutter. It also has the cleaning challenges of upholstery stains, dirty carpeting, and dust.

- Remove all clutter and place in its designated storage area.
- Vacuum drapes, furniture such as couch cushions, couch pillows, heating vents, corners and edges of the walls and woodwork around doorways and windows.
- Wash windows inside and out.
- Move all furniture (one piece at a time) to vacuum under and behind it.
- Remove newspapers and magazines that are outdated.
- Wipe down and dust all knick-knacks.



You have reached the end and that means you have reached cleaning nirvana. So crack open a cold one, if that's what you're into, and enjoy as you say goodbye to winter and usher in spring the right way.