

The ultimate move-out cleaning checklist

It's essential to leave your old home clean for new residents, to comply with any lease agreements, and to ensure peace of mind. Follow this checklist for tips on keeping every room organized.

Whole-home tasks (do these in every room)



- **Remove all nails and screws:** Patch any holes in the walls with spackle.



- **Dust ceiling fans and light fixtures:** Wipe down blades and globes.



- **Clean windows and sills:** Ensure glass is streak-free and tracks are vacuumed.



- **Wipe down baseboards and trim:** Use a damp cloth to remove scuffs and dust.



- **Clean light switches and outlet covers:** These are high-touch areas that often get overlooked.



- **Vacuum and mop:** This should be the final step in every room.

Bedrooms

Bedrooms typically get less foot traffic and are a good place to start.



- **Dust closets:** Wipe down shelves and hanging rods.



- **Clean mirrors:** Ensure all mirrored closet doors are spotless.



- **Check walls:** Remove any cobwebs from corners

Living room/family room

These rooms have the most foot traffic, so check for scuffs, dust, and floor stains.



- **Wipe down built-in shelving:** Ensure all dust is removed from corners.



- **Clean fireplace:** If applicable, sweep out the hearth and wipe the mantel.



- **Check floors:** Address any stains on the carpet.

Entryway/hallways

This is the first area people see, so it needs to make a great first impression.



- **Wipe door frames:** Wipe down the tops of door frames where dust settles.



- **Clean front door:** Clean both sides of the entrance door and polish the hardware.

Laundry room

Laundry rooms often collect hidden dust and debris behind appliances.



- **Clean the washer:** Wipe the exterior and the detergent drawer.



- **Clean the dryer:** Empty the lint trap and wipe down the drum.



- **Check floor:** Vacuum behind the machines if they have been moved.

Garage/storage/utility areas

Make sure to clear out every last item, including old paint cans or scrap wood.



- **Sweep the floor:** Remove oil spots or debris.



- **Clear cobwebs:** Focus on the corners and garage door tracks.



- **Empty completely:** Ensure no old paint cans or scrap wood are left behind.

Bathrooms

Bathrooms require extra attention during move-out cleaning to meet hygiene and sanitization expectations.



- **Scrub the tub and shower:** Remove all soap scum and mildew.



- **Clean the toilet:** Scrub inside and out, including the base.



- **Wipe the vanity** Clean the mirror, sink, and inside the medicine cabinet.



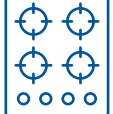
- **Clean grout:** Use a brush to clean any discolored grout lines.

Kitchen

Often, the most time-consuming part of an end-of-lease cleaning because of large appliances like ovens and refrigerators.



- **Clean the oven:** Remove grease from the interior and the racks.



- **Degrease the stovetop:** Don't forget the vent hood filter!



- **Empty the fridge/freezer:** Wipe down all shelves and the exterior.



- **Sanitize the sink:** Clean the drain and polish the faucet.



- **Wipe cabinets:** Wipe out the inside of every drawer and

