Airbnb Cleaning Checklist

A short-term rental turnover checklist for hosts to reset, restock, and inspect between guests.

Arrival and Laundry First

- [ ] Open windows to air out the space and check for odors
- [ ] Strip all beds and start washing sheets and pillowcases immediately
  Starting laundry first means it finishes while you clean the rest.
- [ ] Gather all used towels and start a second load
- [ ] Collect all trash and recycling from every room
- [ ] Check for items left behind by the previous guest
- [ ] Note any damage or missing items right away

Kitchen Reset

- [ ] Wash, dry, and put away all dishes, or run and empty the dishwasher
- [ ] Wipe down counters, the stovetop, and the backsplash
- [ ] Clean the microwave, coffee maker, and small appliances
- [ ] Empty the fridge of guest leftovers and wipe the shelves
- [ ] Scrub the sink and disinfect the faucet
- [ ] Check coffee, tea, and pantry staples and restock as needed
- [ ] Sweep and mop the floor

Bathroom Reset

- [ ] Scrub and disinfect the toilet, shower, tub, and sink
- [ ] Clean the mirror and polish the fixtures
- [ ] Hang fresh, neatly folded towels and a bath mat
- [ ] Restock toilet paper, soap, shampoo, and conditioner
- [ ] Empty the bin and add a fresh liner
- [ ] Mop the floor and check for any mildew

Bedrooms and Living Areas

- [ ] Make beds with fresh, wrinkle-free linens
- [ ] Dust surfaces, shelves, and decor
- [ ] Wipe down light switches, handles, and remotes
- [ ] Fluff cushions, fold throws, and stage the living space
- [ ] Clean mirrors, glass, and TV screens
- [ ] Test the TV, remote, and Wi-Fi work for the next guest
- [ ] Vacuum carpets and mop hard floors

Restock and Amenities

- [ ] Restock paper towels, dish soap, and trash bags

- [ ] Replenish welcome amenities like coffee, snacks, or water
- [ ] Refill hand soap in every bathroom and the kitchen
- [ ] Check that the welcome guide and house rules are in place
- [ ] Confirm spare linens and towels are stocked
- [ ] Replace any burnt-out light bulbs

Final Inspection and Staging

- [ ] Do a top-to-bottom walkthrough of every room
- [ ] Check that all surfaces are clean and floors are spotless
- [ ] Stage beds, towels, and living areas to look photo-ready
- [ ] Set the thermostat to a comfortable temperature
- [ ] Take photos to document the clean, staged condition
- [ ] Lock up and confirm keys or the smart lock code are ready