

House Cleaning Checklist

A room-by-room house cleaning checklist to clean your whole home efficiently.

Whole-Home Prep

- Open windows to ventilate and gather all your cleaning supplies in a caddy
A portable caddy saves dozens of trips back to the cupboard.
- Pick up clutter and return stray items to their proper rooms
- Empty every trash and recycling bin and put fresh liners in
- Strip and start a load of laundry so it runs while you clean
- Turn on ceiling fans and dust light fixtures from the top down

Kitchen

- Clear and wipe down all countertops, then disinfect high-touch areas
- Wash dishes or load and run the dishwasher
- Wipe the stovetop, microwave interior, and small appliance exteriors
- Clean the sink, scrub the drain, and polish the faucet
- Wipe cabinet fronts, handles, and the refrigerator door
- Sweep and mop the floor, finishing in the doorway

Bathrooms

- Spray the toilet, shower, and tub with cleaner and let it sit
Letting cleaner dwell a few minutes lets it do the scrubbing for you.
- Clean the mirror and wipe down the vanity and sink
- Scrub the toilet bowl, seat, lid, and base
- Scrub the shower walls, tub, and glass door
- Replace hand towels and refill soap and toilet paper
- Sweep and mop the floor

Bedrooms

- Make the beds and change linens if it is laundry day
- Dust nightstands, dressers, shelves, and window sills
- Wipe down light switches, door handles, and remotes
- Tidy surfaces and put away clothes and accessories
- Vacuum the carpet or sweep and mop hard floors, including under the bed

Living and Common Areas

- Dust shelves, electronics, picture frames, and decor top to bottom
- Fluff cushions and fold throw blankets
- Wipe down the coffee table, side tables, and remote controls
- Clean glass surfaces, mirrors, and TV screens with the right cloth
- Vacuum upholstery and under sofa cushions
- Vacuum or mop the floors throughout the room

Entry, Hall and Finishing Touches

- Shake out or vacuum entry mats and doormats

- Wipe down the front door, handles, and light switches
- Dust along baseboards and hallway surfaces
- Vacuum or mop hallway and entry floors
- Take out all collected trash and recycling
- Do a final walkthrough to spot anything missed