

Move Out Cleaning Checklist

An end-of-tenancy move out cleaning checklist to pass inspection and secure your deposit.

Whole-Home Prep

- ☐ Remove all furniture, belongings, and trash from every room
- ☐ Patch small nail holes and touch up scuffed paint if your lease requires it
- ☐ Dust ceiling corners, fans, and light fixtures throughout
- ☐ Wipe down all walls, doors, frames, and light switches
- ☐ Clean air vents and replace HVAC filters
- ☐ Take dated photos once each room is cleaned

Photos protect you if there is any dispute over the deposit.

Kitchen

- ☐ Clean the oven interior, racks, broiler, and door glass
- ☐ Pull out the stove and fridge to clean behind and underneath
- ☐ Empty, defrost, and wipe the refrigerator and freezer
- ☐ Degrease the range hood and replace or wash the filter
- ☐ Empty and wipe inside all cabinets and drawers
- ☐ Scrub the sink, descale the faucet, and clean the disposal
- ☐ Wipe countertops, the backsplash, and cabinet fronts

Bathrooms

- ☐ Scrub and disinfect the toilet, including the base and behind it
- ☐ Deep clean the shower, tub, and remove all soap scum
- ☐ Scrub grout lines and treat any mildew
- ☐ Descale the showerhead, faucets, and fixtures
- ☐ Clean the mirror, vanity, and inside the cabinets
- ☐ Clear and disinfect all drains
- ☐ Clean the exhaust fan cover and mop the floor

Bedrooms and Living Areas

- ☐ Wipe down baseboards, trim, and door frames
- ☐ Clean inside and outside of all closets and shelving
- ☐ Dust and wipe window sills, ledges, and built-ins
- ☐ Remove any wall hooks, mounts, and adhesive residue
- ☐ Spot-clean walls and remove scuff marks
- ☐ Vacuum or steam-clean carpets to lift stains

Windows, Doors and Fixtures

- ☐ Wash interior windows and wipe them streak-free
- ☐ Vacuum and wipe window tracks and sills
- ☐ Dust blinds and launder or wipe curtains if they stay
- ☐ Clean light fixtures and replace any burnt-out bulbs
- ☐ Wipe down all doors, handles, and frames

- ☐ Clean mirrors and any glass surfaces

Floors and Final Walkthrough

- ☐ Sweep and vacuum every room, including closets and corners
- ☐ Mop all hard floors and spot-treat stains
- ☐ Steam-clean or shampoo carpets if required by the lease
- ☐ Clean and disinfect any outdoor patio, balcony, or entry
- ☐ Remove all trash and leave bins clean
- ☐ Do a final inspection room by room against your lease checklist