

The ultimate End of Tenancy Cleaning Checklist

At the end of a tenancy, it is the tenant's responsibility to clean the rental property, which is important if they want to get their full deposit back. Tenants can use this ultimate end-of-tenancy cleaning checklist or use a professional end of tenancy cleaning company to make sure they don't miss a thing...

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Bedrooms:

The first step is to get rid of dust and dirt. Cleaning rooms from top to bottom is the best way to deal with this.

- Take the spider webs off the ceilings and corners.
- Dust surfaces you can reach, like closets, shelves, and cabinets.
- Dust and dirt should be wiped off the tops of doors.
- Clean the dust off the tops of picture frames.
- Clean the dust off the curtain rods.
- Both sides of curtains and blinds should be dusted and vacuumed the right way.
- Clean and shine mirrors, pictures, and other items on the wall.
- Wipe down the trim and decorations to get rid of dust.
- Clean the light fixtures and lamp shades.
- Clean and shine metal pieces.
- Clean and shine switches.
- Clean or re-paint walls that are dirty.
- Clean the plugs and extension cords carefully.
- Clean all mattresses with a vacuum.
- Mop laminate and hard floors in the bathroom.

Bathrooms:

Bathrooms are the worst places to see and deal with dirt and mildew. Clean and polish as well as you can the toilets, showers, tiles, and baths.

- Clean sinks, faucets, and other parts.
- Remove stains from hard water
- If there is limescale, clean and rinse soap dispensers.
- Clean and shine radiators and towel racks.
- Scrub the toilet and bidet and flush them.
- If you can reach it, clean the pipes behind the toilet.
- Clean the shower screens of marks and stains.
- Scrub and rinse away mildew spots and bath stains

- Make sure drains are clean.
- Clean and shine mirrors and glass.
- Showerheads, faucets, and metal surfaces need to be descaled, rinsed, and wiped.
- Scrub and rinse the area where the dirt has built up.
- Fans should be cleaned.
- Clean the bathroom tiles you can reach.

Kitchens:

A quarter of the job is to clean the kitchen. Most likely, your kitchen is the room you use the most and is also the one that gets the most germs and dirt.

- Clean and shine all the worktops, countertops, and the area around the sink.
- Clean out the insides of cabinets, drawers, and shelves
- Throw away any food you don't need and any carrier bags
- Clean and shine sinks and faucets.
- Remove accumulated limescale
- Clean and shine wall tiles.
- Get rid of mould between the grout
- Clean and degrease the inside and outside of the oven.
- Clean the grime off of the hobs and extractors.
- Clean the gas rings and gas knobs.
- Clean inside and outside of microwaves
- Empty the fridge and freezer.
- Clean the washer from top to bottom.
- Clean the inside and outside of the dishwasher.
- Clean the outside of every appliance.
- Clean the trash cans and take out the trash
- Clean the outside of all the cabinets and drawers.
- Stack and arrange cutlery, utensils, and other dining items.
- Clean the inside of the windows and wipe down the frames, sills, and ledges.
- Wipe dust off of woodwork (doors, handles, doorframes, furniture, and skirting boards). If necessary and possible, wipe down radiators.
- Clean the plugs and light switches of dust.
- Clean, mop, and shine the floors.
- Furnishings

During inspections, landlords or their letting agents will pick up any dirty furniture. You must wipe, vacuum, and clean all furniture with care.

- Wipe down and shine tables, countertops, and other worktops.
- Make sure you get rid of all smudges and marks.
- Look for signs of oil.
- Take your couch cushions outside and beat them until the dust is gone.
- Move all the furniture to clean under it. Vacuum the sofa with and without its cushions. Wipe and polish all the wooden pieces.

Carpets:

Carpets are always looked at closely by landlords and people who rent out homes. Carpet cleaning is one of the hardest things to do, and the best way to do it is to rent a carpet cleaning machine.

- Completely vacuum all the edges of the carpet
- Move the furniture and clean under it.
- If you can, clean with steam

If you don't have a carpet cleaner, try washing stains by hand.

Windows:

Before you move out, you should clean everything in your rental property from top to bottom. Even the inside of the windows need to be cleaned.

- Get rid of any smudges, fingerprints, and oily spots.
- Wipe it down so there won't be streaks when it dries.
- Remove dust and clean the window sills.
- Clean the frames
- Blinds, curtains, and shades need to be dusted.
- There are drawers, closets, and shelves.
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- People often forget to clean out a drawer or cabinet they don't use very often. Always check everything in every drawer, cabinet, and shelf.
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- Clean inside and outside of drawers
- Take away any leftover items or things you don't need.
- Clean the inside and outside.
- Wipe the handles down.
- Fridge/freezer

Check your lease to see if your landlord wants you to leave the fridge/freezer on or off when you move out. For a good cleaning, you may need to let the freezer defrost or at least turn it off a day before.

- Get rid of dirt, mould, and old food.
- Wipe down and shine the handles
- Clean the rubber seal
- Move it and clean behind and under it.
- Inside, take apart, clean, and rinse the slots, grills, and shelves.
- Clean and shine the outside of the appliances.

You will need to look at your lease to see what your cleaning responsibilities are for appliances.

The washer-dryer

- Remove the food and soap that has built up in the dishwasher.
- Get rid of all the dirt, mould, and food stains.
- Check filters and clean them.
- Clean the rubber gasket.
- Move it and clean under and behind it. Wipe the drawer of the soap dispenser and get rid of any marks or stains.
- Clean the knobs.
- The clothes washer
- Remove any leftovers and stains from the drum.
- Check filters and clean them.
- Check the seal made of rubber.
- Move it and clean behind and under it.
- Wipe the drawer of the soap dispenser and get rid of any marks or stains.
- Handles are clean
- The dryer in a drum
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- Clean from the inside out
- Check the seal made of rubber.
- Clean the drawer where the soap is kept.
- Check the filter and clean it.
- Cooktops and ovens
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- Clean and de-grease the oven, grill, hob, and extractor fan.
- Clean the microwave and remove any grease.
- Scrub away food stains and dirt.
- Clean the grill pan and oven racks.
- Both the oven and the microwave need to be cleaned inside.
- Check the rubber seals and clean them.
- check and clean all the buttons
- Clean the outside and get rid of any stains and marks.
- The toast
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- Clean, wipe, and shine up the outside.
- Get rid of any leftover food and bread crumbs.
- As much as possible, clean inside
- De-grease handles
- Remove grime
- Smaller details

To get your whole deposit back, you'll also need to remember to do a lot of smaller things. Don't forget to:

- Clean and dry every tile in the kitchen.
- Get rid of what's left.
- Clean out trash cans.

- Clean the fans and extractors of grease
- Tenants, make sure to clean everything on this list (but first check your lease!) to have the best chance of getting their full security deposit back when they move out.

To make sure your full deposit is returned to you, get a quote today!

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