

# Spring Cleaning Checklist

## Multi-Room Tasks

These are the tasks that need to be done in more than one room. Get these done in each applicable room before moving onto room-specific tasks.

- Open windows to let in the fresh air.
- Dust ceiling fans, lights, and lamps.
- Dust corners for cobwebs.
- Dust all wall hangings, décor, and shelves.
- Disinfect doorknobs, handles, and light switches.
- Clean window sills, windows, and window tracks.
- Clean curtains and window blinds.
- Sweep or vacuum floors.
- Mop floors.
- Shampoo rugs and carpets.
- Clean air vents.
- Wipe down baseboards.
- Spot clean walls.
- Spot clean doors.

## Dining Room Cleaning

- Wash tablecloths.
- Wipe down the table and chairs.
- Vacuum and spot clean chair cushions.
- Dust any other furniture or decor.

## Living Room Cleaning

- Wipe down the coffee table and side tables.
- Vacuum your couch and chairs.
- Remove couch cushions to vacuum crevasses.
- Wash all throw blankets and pillows.
- Wipe down any other furniture.
- Dust any other decor.
- Dust your electronics.
- Clean the television screen.
- Sort music, movie, and book collections. (Donate anything you don't need anymore.)

## Kitchen Cleaning

- Dust the top of your fridge and cabinets.
- Wipe down your microwave and other small appliances.
- Empty your toaster's crumb tray.
- Clean your range hood and stovetop.
- Clean backsplash and counters.
- Clean any highchairs or barstools.
- Clean the inside and outside of the oven.
- Clean the inside and outside of the dishwasher.
- Toss all old or expired food in the pantry, fridge, and freezer.
- Clean the inside and outside of the refrigerator.
- Clean behind and beneath the refrigerator.
- Defrost the freezer.
- Wipe down the inside of the pantry.
- Clean the inside and outside of cabinets and drawers. (Remove everything to clean, and put it back organized.)
- Wipe down the sink and faucet.
- Clean the sink drain.
- Wash dish rags and replace your sponges.
- Wash floor mats.
- Wipe down the inside and outside of your trash can.
- Reseal the grout in tile flooring and behind counters.
- Organize under the sink.
- Check that all your under-sink water connectors are in good condition with no leaks. These connectors are usually inexpensive to replace.

## Entryway Cleaning

- Clean the doormat.
- Organize any shoes.
- Hang up any jackets.
- Clean out the entryway closet.

## Kids' Playroom Cleaning

- Wash stuffed animals and soft toys.
- Clean plastic toys with soap and water.
- Donate old or unused toys.
- Organize toys and play areas.
- Wipe down any furniture or decor.

## Bedroom Cleaning

- Wash all bedding.
- Flip the mattress.
- Clean closet shelves and floors.
- Organize your closet. (Donate unused clothing.)
- Organize items stored under your bed.
- Wipe down mirrors.
- Dust any other furniture or decor.

## Bathroom Cleaning

- Dust any decor.
- Discard expired toiletries and makeup.
- Clean makeup brushes.
- Clean and organize cabinets and drawers.
- Wipe down mirrors.
- Wipe down counters.
- Clean sinks, faucets, and drains.
- Clean the tub, shower, and showerhead.
- Replace your shower curtain liner.
- Wash bath mats.
- Clean the inside and outside of toilets.
- Clean the inside and outside trash cans.
- Scrub clean the grout in tile floors.
- Reseal any grout in tile flooring and behind counters.
- Check that all water connectors are in good condition with no leaks.

## Garage Cleaning

- Sweep out dirt and leaves.
- Organize tools, equipment, storage, and toys.
- Clean garage door and door frame.
- Replace batteries in garage door openers.
- Properly discard old or expired chemicals and paint. Most counties have guidelines for disposal of hazardous chemicals.

## Office Cleaning

- Recycle old paperwork.
- Clean your mouse and computer keyboards.
- Clean computer monitors.
- Wipe down desks and chairs.
- Dust any other furniture and decor.

## Laundry Room Cleaning

- Clean any shelves and cabinets.
- Clean any counters or laundry sinks.
- Organize laundry supplies.
- Clean the dryer vent.
- Clean out lint traps.
- Clean behind the washer and dryer.
- Clean inside and outside of the washing machine.
- Empty the washing machine drain pump.
- Clean the outside of the dryer.
- Reseal any grout in tile flooring and behind counters.
- Check that all water connectors are in good condition with no leaks, and replace any old hoses. These are usually inexpensive and easy to replace.

## Stairwell Cleaning

- Sweep or vacuum the stairs.
- Wipe down handrails.
- Dust any art and light fixtures.

## Outside Cleaning

- Wash outside doors and doorframes.
- Wash the outside of your windows.
- Wash your house siding.
- Hose off your patio or deck.
- Wash outdoor furniture.
- Hose off your garbage and recycling bins.
- Wipe down outdoor light fixtures.
- Clean the grill.
- Clean or replace your welcome mat.

## Miscellaneous Spring-Cleaning

- Clean out your junk drawer.
- Properly dispose of expired medication and replace it if needed.
- Change your AC air filter. (Most should be replaced every 30 days.)
- Test the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- Get your fireplace and chimney cleaned.
- Store all winter clothes and decorations.