



# Vacation rental cleaning checklist

Get your home ready for the next happy guest—  
and five-star review—with these cleaning steps.



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# Throughout the home

Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, including:

- Doorknobs and sliding door handles
- Light switches, lock boxes, and digital lock panels
- Stair railings
- Chair edges and armrests
- Play sets/toys

Check all electronics and lights:

- Make sure all lights work, and change light bulbs if needed
- Make sure TV, cable, internet, and other electronics work
- Disinfect remote(s) and check batteries
- Clean all decor, including mirrors, pictures, shelves, plants, and accessories
- Remove trash and replace trash bags
- Replace and restock amenities (like toiletries and dish soap)
- Dust lamps, including bases, bulbs, and lampshades
- Check for and remove trash or belongings left behind (including inside drawers and closets)

- Clean baseboards
- Sweep, then mop or vacuum all floors (including corners and edges)
- Move furniture to clean floors underneath and in hard-to-reach places
- Wash all small area rugs, and spotclean and vacuum large ones
- Dust blinds and clean all windows, sills, and window frames

For a deep clean, add...

- Wash doors, frames, walls, and trim
- Vacuum or wash curtains and blinds
- Remove and wash window screens
- Clean A/C vents and ceiling fans
- Clean all light switch plates, outlet covers, woodwork, and any spots on the walls
- Wash, dust, and wipe down light fixtures, including chandeliers and ceiling pendants
- Wash trash cans thoroughly inside and out. Deodorize and replace liners
- Check smoke detectors and flashlights. Change batteries if needed
- Clean hot water tank closet



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# By Room

## Living Room

- Spot-clean upholstery
- Remove all furniture cushions, then clean sides and underneath
- Clean media cabinet and any tables
- Carefully clean TV screen using an appropriate cloth
- Wash and replace sofa beds and mattress pads)

### For a deep clean, add...

- Vacuum and/or dry-clean drapes and valances
- Clean underneath and backs of cabinets
- Clean sofa bed frame
- Polish all tables
- Roll up area rugs, sweep and mop under them, then replace

## Kitchen and dining area

- Disinfect refrigerator door handles
- Clear out the refrigerator, then wipe down inside and out
- Clean the dining table and chairs, including top, legs, arms, and undersides
- Clean stove top, back splash, pans, and knobs
- Run or empty dishwasher and put dishes away
- Ensure drawers are organized and crumb-free

- Clean countertops and carefully remove any stains
- Clean the inside, top, and front of microwave
- Clean utensils and remove any residue
- Clean sink and cabinet under the sink
- Wash tile floors with a scrub brush and all-purpose cleaner

### For a deep clean, add...

- Clean the pantry, removing items to clean shelves
- Wipe down top, sides, and back of the refrigerator. Take out all parts, wash, and replace
- Wipe down freezer inside and rubber seal. Empty ice bin and wash
- Pull out all dishes from cabinets and wash out each shelf. Wash down cabinet doors inside and out
- Clean small appliances (can opener, coffee maker, blender, etc.). Use a toothbrush on hard-to-reach areas
- Clean crumbs out of toaster
- Clean the entire oven inside and out, including racks, exhaust vent, light cover, and door
- Clean sides, underneath, under the top of the stove, and the floor underneath. Clean all items in stove drawer
- Clean vents and underside of microwave
- Clean dishwasher and refill rinse aid

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## Bedrooms

- Strip beds and re-make with clean linens
- Check under beds and remove any items or trash
- Clean headboards
- Carefully clean TV screen using an appropriate cloth
- Clear off and clean tops of dressers and tables
- Disinfect clothes hangers and push them all to one side
- Vacuum or sweep under beds and inside closets

### For a deep clean, add...

- Wash mattress pads, pillow protectors, and blankets
- Remove all mattresses and box springs, then vacuum and wipe down bed frames
- Clean all tops, sides, backs, and insides of dressers and TV cabinets
- Clean the closet shelves, doors, and walls
- Clean baseboards and behind beds
- Roll up area rugs, sweep or mop underneath, and replace

## Bathrooms

- Wash all tile in tub area
- Clean grout and check for mildew
- Scrub tub thoroughly
- Wash/polish all fixtures and chromework. Wash shower rods
- Clean toilet bowl, inside and out
- Clean toilet top, tank, and base
- Scrub sinks, counter tops, and ledges
- Clean/polish towel bars and paper holders
- Clean glass shower doors
- Use cleaner and scrub pad to remove soap scum

### For a deep clean, add...

- Clean inside and outside of all cabinets and drawers
- Remove shower curtains and wash
- Scrub floors
- Clean tub jets
- Wash/polish light fixtures



## Laundry Room

- Clean and organize shelves
- Mop or vacuum floors
- Check and clear dryer lint trap

### For a deep clean, add...

- Pull out washer and dryer to clean behind them
- Clean washer and dryer inside and out, including exterior lint trap
- Clean baseboards, walls, doors, and ledges

## Outside

- Sweep the patio, garage/carport, and driveway
- Clean the patio doors and windows
- Clean around doors and under doormats, inside and outside
- Clean railings, including any glass
- Remove all loose trash
- Clean grill and outdoor furniture
- Clear all areas of dirt and cobwebs
- Check the hot tub and re-balance chemicals

### For a deep clean, add...

- Wash all patio furniture thoroughly
- Organize any shelves in the garage
- Clean window tracks and frames
- Drain, clean, and refill hot tub



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