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# **Deep Cleaning Checklist**

Of course you know how to clean your home. This is just a list to help you track your cleaning efforts and reduce the likelihood of overlooking any important areas of the home. Happy cleaning!

#### **FOYER**

- 1. Dust light fixtures.
- 2. Wash walls, trim, and light plates.
- 3. Wash doors and knobs.
- 4. Empty and organize coat closet.
- 5. Remove knick-knacks.
- 6. Clean or replace the welcome mat.
- 7. Sweep, cleanse, and or vacuum floors.
- 8. Paint, if necessary.

#### **BEDROOMS**

- 1. Open windows.
- 2. Dust furniture.
- 3. For each drawer:
  - i. Remove items.
  - ii. Wash drawer.
  - iii. Replace items neatly.
- 4. Donate or throw away unneeded items.
- 5. Closets:
  - i. Remove everything
  - ii. Sweep, cleanse, and or vacuum floors.
  - iii. Put everything back neatly.
  - iv. Donate unneeded items.
  - v. Try not to store things on closet floor or shelves.
- 6. Bed:
  - i. Move bed.
  - ii. Sort and organize anything under the bed.
  - iii. Sweep or vacuum under bed.

- iv. Try not to store things under bed.
- 7. Mattress: freshen by sprinkling with baking soda, wait briefly, and vacuum.
- 8. Launder bedding, curtains, pillows, and duvet.
- 9. Dust lights and lamp shades.
- 10. Wash windows, window sills, and screens.
- 11. Wash walls, trim, and light plates, as needed.
- 12. Wash mirrors or dust frame.
- 13. Wash doors and doorknobs.
- 14. Wash floor registers and vent covers.
- 15. Sweep, cleanse, or vacuum floors.
- 16. Clean blades of ceiling fans.

#### **BATHROOMS**

- 1. Open windows, if possible.
- 2. Cabinets and vanity.
  - 1. Empty.
  - 2. Wash inside and outside.
  - 3. Replace items neatly.
- 3. Discard expired medications and cosmetics.
- 4. Clean tub and drain.
- 5. Clean toilet; inside and out.
- 6. Remove the toilet seat and clean around seat bolts.
- 7. Cleanse sink, faucets, and drain.
- 8. Clean mirror and dust frame.
- 9. Wash windows, window sills, and screens.
- 10. Wash light plates, trim, and walls.
- 11. Wash doors and door knobs.
- 12. Sweep, cleanse, or vacuum floors.
- 13. Reseal grout lines if necessary.

Shower doors can be especially challenging to get clean. Consider a combination 10 parts water to 1 part muriatic acid to get a dazzling sparkle from dismal and dirty shower doors. Scrub any residual grime off with steel wool. Be careful, muriatic acid is highly corrosive and does not work well with steel wool. Muriatic acid can be purchased at most hardware and home improvement stores.

Mix equal parts bleach and water, and spray the wall with the mixture to remove mold off of most surfaces in the bathroom.

#### **KITCHEN**

- 1. Open windows, if possible.
- 2. Remove and clean window coverings.
- 3. Cabinet or drawer:
  - 1. Remove items.
  - 2. Wipe out drawer.
  - 3. Return items neatly.
- 4. Wash cabinet inside and out.
- 5. Pantry:
  - 1. Discard expired food.
  - 2. Clean and organize.
- 6. Clean oven.
- 7. Clean stovetop; clean elements and drip bowls, if needed.
- 8. Fridge and freezer.
  - 1. Discard expired food.
  - 2. Defrost freezer, if necessary.
  - 3. Clean and organize.
- 9. Clean under fridge and stove.
- 10. Clean or vacuum refrigerator coils.
- 11. Clean microwave.
- 12. Clean crumbs out of toaster.
- 13. Clean and descale kettle.
- 14. Wipe down all counter appliances.
- 15. Wash counters and back splash.
- 16. Wash and shine sink, faucet, and drain.
- 17. Clean dishwasher, especially bottom.
- 18. Dust light fixtures.
- 19. Wash windows, window sills, and screens.
- 20. Wash trim, light plates, and walls, as needed.
- 21. Wash doors and door knobs.
- 22. Wash floor registers and vent covers
- 23. Sweep, cleanse, or vacuum floors.

#### **DINING ROOM**

- 1. Open windows.
- 2. Cleanse window treatments.
- 3. Wipe down table and chairs.
- 4. Wipe down or dust other furnishing.
- 5. Clean chair pads, if applicable.
- 6. Polish table, if necessary.

- 7. Dust place settings.
- 8. Launder linens.
- 9. Shine silverware.
- 10. Dust art.
- 11. Wash windows, window sills, and screens.
- 12. Wash walls, trim, and light plates.
- 13. Wash doors and door knobs.
- 14. Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
- 15. Sweep, cleanse, or vacuum floors.

# LIVING ROOM / FAMILY ROOM / PLAYROOM

- 1. Open windows.
- 2. Vacuum and spot clean sofas, if necessary.
- 3. Launder throw pillows and blankets.
- 4. Dust shelves, furniture, and decor.
- 5. Clean lamps and lampshades.
- 6. Wash windows, window sills, and screens.
- 7. Dust and clean television screen.
- 8. Carefully dust electronics.
- 9. Tidy electronics wires.
- 10. Discard unused items.
- 11. Organize books and magazines; donate or recycle excess.
- 12. Toys
  - 1. Wash and sanitize plastic toys.
  - 2. Launder stuffed toys.
  - 3. Donate or store toys.
- 13. Wash walls, trim, and light plates, as needed.
- 14. Wash doors and knobs.
- 15. Wash floor registers and vent covers.
- 16. Sweep, cleanse, or vacuum floors.

### LAUNDRY ROOM

- 1. Open windows, if possible.
- 2. Wash windows, window sills, and screens.
- 3. Wash outside and inside of cabinets.
- 4. Cleanse laundry sink, faucet, and drains.
- 5. Cleanse inside and outside of washer and dryer.
- 6. Wash walls, trim, and light plates, as needed.
- 7. Wash doors and door knobs.
- 8. Wash floor registers and vent covers.
- 9. Sweep, cleanse, or vacuum floors.

#### STAIR

- 1. Sweep and vacuum stairs.
- 2. Spot clean walls.
- 3. Wipe down handrail.
- 4. Dust art and light fixtures.

#### **OUTSIDE**

- 1. Sweep porches and walkways.
- 2. Wash thresholds.
- 3. Wash exterior doors. Paint, if needed.
- 4. Clean or replace welcome mat.
- 5. Power wash exterior, if needed.

## REMEMBER TO:

- Clean blades of ceiling fans.
- Sort through documents and files.
- Sort and clean any extra zones such as linen closets, utility closets, and the office.