

■ Pre-Holiday Cleaning Checklist ■

Get Your Home Guest-Ready for the Holidays

Transform your home into a welcoming holiday haven with this comprehensive room-by-room cleaning guide. Check off each task as you go and enjoy a sparkling clean space for all your festive celebrations!

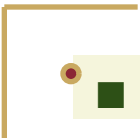


Living Room

- ☐ Dust all surfaces, shelves, and decorative items
- ☐ Vacuum or clean upholstery on sofas and chairs
- ☐ Clean windows and window sills
- ☐ Dust ceiling fans and light fixtures
- ☐ Vacuum or mop floors and baseboards
- ☐ Organize magazines, remotes, and clutter
- ☐ Clean TV screen and electronics
- ☐ Fluff and arrange throw pillows and blankets
- ☐ Polish wood furniture
- ☐ Vacuum under furniture and in corners

Kitchen

- ☐ Clean inside and outside of refrigerator
- ☐ Clean oven, stovetop, and range hood
- ☐ Wipe down all cabinets and drawer fronts
- ☐ Clean microwave inside and out
- ☐ Scrub sink and polish faucet
- ☐ Clean countertops and backsplash



Wipe down small appliances (toaster, coffee maker, etc.)



Organize pantry and discard expired items



Mop floors and clean baseboards



Clean dishwasher interior



Empty and clean trash can



Polish stainless steel appliances

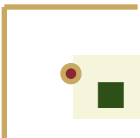
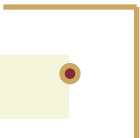
Dining Room

- Dust chandelier or light fixture
- Wipe down dining table and chairs
- Polish or clean table surface
- Dust and clean china cabinet or buffet
- Vacuum or mop floors
- Clean windows
- Dust baseboards and corners
- Organize table linens and napkins
- Clean serving dishes and platters

Bathrooms

- Scrub toilet bowl, seat, and exterior
- Clean shower walls, doors, and fixtures
- Scrub bathtub and clean drain
- Clean sink, faucet, and countertop
- Wipe down mirrors and glass surfaces
- Clean cabinet fronts and organize contents
- Wash bath mats and shower curtain
- Restock toilet paper, hand soap, and towels
- Empty and clean trash can
- Mop floors and clean baseboards
- Dust light fixtures and exhaust fan
- Replace old or worn towels

Bedrooms

- 
- 
- Change bed linens and make bed
 - Dust all surfaces and nightstands
 - Vacuum under bed and in corners
 - Dust ceiling fan and light fixtures
 - Clean mirrors and windows
 - Organize closet and put away clutter
 - Vacuum or mop floors
 - Dust baseboards
 - Air out room and add fresh scent
 - Fluff pillows and arrange decorative items

Guest Room

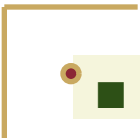
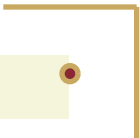
- Wash all bedding including mattress pad
- Vacuum mattress and flip if needed
- Dust all surfaces thoroughly
- Clean windows and window treatments
- Vacuum floors and under bed
- Clear out closet space for guests
- Provide fresh towels and toiletries
- Check that lamps and electronics work
- Add welcoming touches (flowers, water carafe, etc.)
- Remove clutter and personal items

Entryway/Mudroom

- Organize shoes and coats
- Clean or vacuum entry mat
- Wipe down coat hooks and door handles
- Dust light fixtures
- Clean mirrors
- Sweep and mop floors
- Organize umbrellas and accessories
- Add seasonal decorations
- Clean front door inside and out

General Tasks

- Replace air filters throughout home
- ■ Dust all air vents and returns

- 
- 
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
 - Deep clean garbage disposal
 - Wash all throw blankets and decorative pillows
 - Clean light switches and door handles
 - Touch up scuff marks on walls
 - Check and replace burned out light bulbs
 - Clean or replace doormat
 - Organize mail and paperwork
 - Set out fresh flowers or seasonal decorations

■ Cleaning Tips for Holiday Success ■

- **Start from the top down** - Dust ceiling fans and high surfaces first so debris falls to lower areas
- **Work systematically** - Move from one side of the room to the other to avoid missing spots
- **Declutter first** - Remove items before cleaning for more efficient and thorough results
- **Fresh air helps** - Open windows to air out rooms and eliminate odors while cleaning
- **Use a cleaning caddy** - Keep all supplies together to move efficiently from room to room
- **Set a timer** - Allocate specific time for each room to stay on track and avoid burnout
- **Make it enjoyable** - Play festive music or your favorite podcast to make time fly
- **Don't forget the details** - Baseboards, door frames, and switch plates make a big difference

■ *Happy Holidays! May your home be merry, bright, and sparkling clean!* ■