

The Complete Spring Cleaning Checklist

Kitchen

- Remove and put away all visible clutter
- Clear cobwebs from ceiling and corners
- Dust and wash light fixtures
- Replace any necessary light bulbs
- Clean light switch plates and outlet covers
- Wipe down any doors, including frame, trim, threshold, and knobs
- Dust and clean any picture frames or wall décor
- Remove all items from shelf. Dust or wash each item and the shelf before returning
- Wipe down walls
- Dust or launder curtains and blinds
- Clean window sills, tracks, and frames
- Clean and/or repair any window screens
- Wash window panes
- Remove all items from inside cabinets and wipe down
- Sort items to purge, store, or keep before returning to cabinet
- Clean outsides of cabinets, including hardware
- Move large appliances and clean behind them and the sides
- Clean lint out of vents on the backs of large appliances (Make sure they are switched OFF!)
- Remove all items from refrigerator and freezer, and clean all shelves and drawers.
- Sort items before returning to the fridge and throw away any expired or inedible items.
- Clean inside microwave
- Clean inside dishwasher by running a heavy cleaning cycle with a bowl with 1 cup vinegar on the bottom rack
- Clean inside oven
- Wipe down stove, including knobs. Remove and clean drip pans.
- Clean overhead exhaust and replace filter, if necessary.
- Wipe down the exterior of all appliances.
- Clean all small appliances, including coffee maker, toaster, mixer, processor, etc.
- Remove all items from the pantry. Wipe down shelves, and corners.
- Sort items to discard any expired or unnecessary items before returning to shelves
- Thoroughly clean sink, drains, and faucet.
- Remove all items from under the sink and clean cabinet
- Sort to get rid of unnecessary items before returning. Be sure to launder any used dust rags.
- Clean counters and all other surfaces (tables, island, buffet, etc.)
- Scrub backsplash
- Re-seal counters and/or backsplash, if necessary.
- Clean and deodorize garbage can
- Empty any missed junk drawers. Clean the interior and sort through items to keep, store, or discard.
- Clean or vacuum all upholstery on seats.
- Wipe down all seat frames, top to bottom
- Vacuum any vents
- Clean kick plates on cabinets
- Wipe baseboards and any other trim
- Launder or shake out any rugs
- Sweep
- Mop
- Re-seal any grout

Family Room/ Living Room

- Remove and put away all visible clutter
- Remove and put away any irrelevant seasonal décor.
- Clear cobwebs from ceiling and corners
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- Dust any lamp shades
- Replace any necessary light bulbs
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- Dust or launder curtains and blinds
- Clean window sills, tracks, and frames
- Clean and/or repair any window screens
- Wash window panes
- Remove couch and chair cushions, if possible. Vacuum, fluff, and rotate as needed
- Replace, vacuum, or launder any throw pillows
- Spot clean furniture
- Dust and clean any appliances
- Dust electronics and organize cords
- Sort and discard or donate any magazines, books, DVD's, or games that are no longer used
- Clean out fireplace
- Move all big furniture items and clean underneath.
- Dust any other surfaces.
- Dust or wipe temperature control unit.
- Empty any missed junk drawers. Clean the interior and sort through items to keep, store, or discard.
- Dust plants.
- Vacuum any vents
- Wipe baseboards and any other trim
- Launder or shake out any rugs
- Vacuum carpet or sweep/mop floors
- Spot clean carpet
- Steam clean carpet or deodorize with baking soda

Dining Room

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- Wipe down walls
- Dust or launder curtains and blinds
- Clean window sills, tracks, and frames
- Clean and/or repair any window screens
- Wash window panes
- Dust and clean all surfaces, such as tables, buffet, etc.
- Wash and/or polish china cabinet
- Remove all items from china cabinet. Clean interior.
- Clean each item from china cabinet before returning. Store or discard any unnecessary items
- Launder table linens
- Clean or vacuum all upholstery on seats.
- Wipe down all seat frames, top to bottom
- Empty any missed junk drawers. Clean the interior and sort through items to keep, store, or discard.
- Vacuum any vents
- Wipe baseboards and any other trim
- Launder or shake out any rugs
- Sweep
- Mop

Play Areas

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- Clean window sills, tracks, and frames
- Clean and/or repair any window screens
- Wash window panes
- Wipe down all surfaces, such as craft tables, lego tables, etc.
- Remove toys and books from shelves and storage containers, and clean the interior
- Sort and purge any un-played with or broken toys and books
- Wash toys in bleach and hot water, if possible
- Vacuum or spot clean any upholstery
- Vacuum any vents
- Wipe baseboards and any other trim
- Launder or shake out any rugs
- Vacuum carpet or sweep/mop floors
- Spot clean carpet
- Steam clean carpet or deodorize with baking soda

Bathroom

- Remove and put away all visible clutter
- Remove and put away any irrelevant seasonal décor.
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- Dust and clean any picture frames or wall décor
- Remove all items from shelves. Dust or wash each item and the shelf before returning
- Wipe down walls
- Dust or launder curtains and blinds
- Clean window sills, tracks, and frames
- Clean and/or repair any window screens
- Wash window panes
- Deep clean tub and shower, remembering to wipe down the ceiling
- Remove shower head and soak in a lime away cleaner
- Clean all other shower fixtures, such as faucet, drain, etc.
- Remove and launder shower curtain
- Remove and clean or replace shower liner
- Clean glass shower door thoroughly, removing any residue
- Discard any old or empty bath products
- Wipe down any bath storage containers, including caddies, etc.
- Clean toilet top to bottom
- Remove toilet lid to clean completely around the bowl.
- Remove everything from vanity and other cabinets, and wipe down the inside.
- Sort items before returning to store or discard.
- Wipe down the exterior of vanity and cabinets, including any hardware. (Don't forget the top of the over-the-john cabinet!)
- Clean any mirrors
- Remove everything from the medicine cabinet, and clean the interior.
- Sort items before returning, and discard any expired or unnecessary items
- Clean the sink, fixtures, and drain.
- Sort and clean and make-up bags or containers
- Clean and/or purge any hair care products
- Remove everything from the linen closet, and wipe down the interior.
- Sort items before returning. Discard or store any unnecessary items.
- Clean toilet paper holder.
- Wash and deodorize any garbage cans
- Vacuum any vents
- Wipe baseboards and any other trim
- Launder or shake out any rugs
- Sweep
- Mop
- Re-seal any grout
- Check and repair caulking



Office

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 - Clean window sills, tracks, and frames
 - Clean and/or repair any window screens
 - Wash window panes
 - Remove all items from furniture and vacuum and spot clean or wipe down
 - Sort items and discard unnecessary or unused items before returning to furniture
 - Empty any junk drawers. Clean the interior and sort through items to keep, store, or discard.
 - Vacuum office chair, wipe down armrests and base
 - Clean out the garbage can, recycle bin, and shredder container.
 - Sort CD's, boxes, office supplies, etc. and discard unnecessary items.
 - Re-organize items when replacing them
 - Clean and dust all electronics well, including keyboards, printers, etc.
- Shred old papers, and file important papers
 - Wipe all surfaces, including desk.
 - Vacuum any vents
 - Wipe baseboards and any other trim
 - Launder or shake out any rugs
 - Vacuum carpet or sweep/mop floors
 - Spot clean carpet
 - Steam clean carpet or deodorize with baking soda

Computer

- Re-organize desktop by deleting any old files or unnecessary programs
- Back up all files to an external hard drive
- Organize pictures by month, year, or events
- Update anti-virus and run a mal-ware scan
- Run any software updates



Bedrooms

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- Wipe down walls
- Dust or launder curtains and blinds
- Clean window sills, tracks, and frames
- Clean and/or repair any window screens
- Wash window panes
- Strip bed and wash linens
- Dust and wipe bed frame and headboard
- Remove and wash mattress pad, if possible
- Deodorize and vacuum mattress
- Rotate mattress
- Remove, launder, and store any heavier winter bedding
- Replace older pillows
- Wash other pillows and pillow covers
- Remove items from under the bed and vacuum/sweep
- Sort items before returning and purge any unnecessary items
- Wash and/or dust all surfaces, such as dressers, night stands, etc.
- Clean exterior of dressers, night stands, etc.
- Remove clothing from inside dresser drawers, and wipe interior
- Sort clothes before returning, discarding, donating, or storing, any unnecessary items
- Dust any lamp shades
- Clean, dust, and/or polish any additional furniture
- Remove items from closet, and clean completely, including shelves and corners.
- Store or purge any un-used or seasonal clothing or shoes
- Empty any missed junk drawers. Clean the interior and sort through items to keep, store, or discard.
- Vacuum any vents
- Wipe baseboards and any other trim
- Launder or shake out any rugs
- Vacuum carpet or sweep/mop floors
- Spot clean carpet
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Foyer/ Mudroom / Entry Way

- Remove and put away all visible clutter
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- Remove all items from shelves. Dust or wash each item and the shelf before returning
- Wipe down walls
- Dust or launder curtains and blinds
- Clean window sills, tracks, and frames
- Clean and/or repair any window screens
- Wash window panes
- Empty coat closet or storage area
- Wipe down entire closet, including hanger racks, rods, and shelving
- Launder and store seasonal items, such as coats, boots, hats, gloves, etc.
- Sort through the remaining items before returning and discard or donate any unnecessary items
- Clean any storage bins
- Wipe down all furniture
- Replace, clean, or shake out any door mats
- Empty any missed junk drawers or areas. Clean the interior and sort through items to keep, store, or discard.
- Vacuum any vents
- Clean kick plates on cabinets
- Wipe baseboards and any other trim
- Launder or shake out any rugs
- Sweep
- Mop

Garage

- Back out cars to driveway
- Remove all other large items such as bikes, large tools, etc.
- Remove and put away all visible clutter
- Clear cobwebs from ceiling and corners
- Replace any necessary light bulbs
- Clean light switch plates and outlet covers
- Dust and clean any picture frames or wall décor
- Remove all items from shelves. Dust or wash each item and the shelf before returning
- Wipe down walls as necessary
- Remove all tools from shelves and wipe down.
- Sort tools before replacing to discard, store, or keep. Re-organize tools when replacing.
- Check storage boxes and label as necessary
- Get rid of any unused items
- Properly dispose of any expired chemicals, paint, etc.
- Fix any major cracks in the floor
- Wipe down all remaining surfaces
- Wash doors, including front garage door.
- Sweep floors
- Mop floor, if necessary
- Replace cars and other large items

Laundry Room/ Area

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- Clean and/or repair any window screens
- Wash window panes
- Remove all items from counters and wipe down
- Sort items before returning and discard or store any unnecessary items
- Check washing tools and products. Discard any expired, broken, or irrelevant items.
- Scrub laundry basin
- Clean faucet, fixtures, and drain.
- Wipe down the exterior of the washer and dryer
- Vacuum out the lint trap
- Wash the lint trap with vinegar and hot water to remove residue, if possible
- Run a cleansing load in the washer with just vinegar and hot water
- Remove all items from inside cabinets and wipe down
- Sort items to purge, store, or keep before returning to cabinet
- Clean outsides of cabinets, including hardware
- Discard, donate, or re-purpose any old un-matched socks

- Wash and store any lingering seasonal items
- Wash out laundry baskets
- Empty any missed junk drawers. Clean the interior and sort through items to keep, store, or discard.
- Vacuum any vents
- Clean kick plates on cabinets
- Wipe baseboards and any other trim
- Launder or shake out any rugs
- Sweep
- Mop

Basement

- Remove and put away all visible clutter
- Clear cobwebs from ceiling and corners
- Dust and wash light fixtures
- Replace any necessary light bulbs
- Clean light switch plates and outlet covers
- Wipe down any doors, including frame, trim, threshold, and knobs
- Wipe down walls
- Clean window sills, tracks, and frames
- Clean and/or repair any window screens
- Wash window panes
- Check and label storage boxes, as necessary
- Sweep, mop, or vacuum as applicable

Other Things to Consider

- Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms. Replace batteries.
- Check and replace flashlight batteries
- Check the expiration date on fire extinguishers and replace if necessary
- Change air filters
- Power wash the exterior of your home
- Sweep and wipe down porches
- Get your exterior windows professionally cleaned
- Get your ducts professionally cleaned
- Thoroughly clean your outdoor grill
- Clean any patio furniture

