



MOVE-OUT CLEANING CHECKLIST

If you're like most people who have rented an apartment or home, you definitely want your security deposit back when you move out. More often than not, the state in which you leave the home will cause you to lose that security deposit. Assuming there's no other damage beyond normal wear and tear, the only thing standing between you and your security deposit is a good deep cleaning. Most property managers expect the place to pass the "white glove" test, and if it doesn't, you can kiss your security deposit goodbye. The problem is, your standard of "clean" isn't the property management's standard of "clean". That's why we're giving you a list of products and a proven checklist that will give you the best chance at recovering that security deposit.

Hiring a professional company is always an option, but keep in mind, a thorough, top-notch cleaning service will not be the cheapest. The last thing you want to do is hire a professional and still lose out on your security deposit. If you want to save money, you can do it yourself, just know it will cost you time and some essential cleaning products and supplies.

The first thing you should know is a standard 1200-1500 square foot house can take professionals 16 hours for one person depending on the filth level. It can feel overwhelming and daunting if you attempt it on your own. So, get your partner or roommate onboard and tackle it together! Blast an inspiring playlist or podcast and get to work!

RECOMMENDED PRODUCT & SUPPLIES LIST

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clorox Clean-Up Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Mop & Mop Head |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Clean Multi-Surface Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum with hose and attachments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Clean Magic Eraser Sponges | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Swifter Dusters w/ extender | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Bowl Brush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-8 Micro Fiber Cleaning Rags | <input type="checkbox"/> Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trash Bags | <input type="checkbox"/> M3 Mask (Protects you from breathing in chemicals and dust) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Step Ladder | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Gloves |

BEFORE YOU BEGIN: PRO-TIPS

- Check the state of the oven. If needed, set the oven to self-clean. The self-clean function can take hours. You'll be SO glad you did this first!
- Inspect the house and remove all trash and items that will get in your way.
- Always clean from the top down. For example, dust the light fixture before cleaning anything below it. That way, you won't have dust falling on things you've already cleaned!
- Vacuum EVERYTHING. Inside drawers, cabinets, baseboards, toilets, showers, sinks, in the crevice in-between the floor and the wall, etc. Trust us, the last thing you want is to be wiping hair around.

CLEANING CHECKLIST

Kitchen

Dust

- Light fixtures
- Window shades
- Ceiling fans

Vacuum

- Floor
- Behind fridge
- On top of the refrigerator
- Under bottom oven drawer
- Cabinets
- Drawers
- Closets
- Counters
- Oven (Inside and out - don't forget under the stove plates!)
- Inside microwave
- Baseboards
- Nooks & crannies

Wipe Down/Mop

- Cabinets (Inside and out) Don't forget the hinges and hardware!
- Drawers (Inside and out)
- Closet shelves
- Microwave (Inside and out)
- Oven fan area
- Oven (Inside and out) Don't forget the stove plates and underneath them!
- Refrigerator (inside and out)
- Backsplash
- Counters
- Dishwasher (inside and out)
- Receptacles
- Baseboards
- Windows and windowsills
- Nooks and crannies
- Sink/Behind the sink area
- Shine faucets
- Floors

Laundry Room

Dust

- Light fixtures
- Window shades
- Windowsills
- Exposed shelves
- Baseboards
- Vents and Ceiling fans

Vacuum

- Inside cabinets
- Floor
- Nooks & crannies on either side of washer and dryer
- On top of the washer and dryer
- Inside edges of washer and dryer
- Drawers
- Closets
- Counters
- Baseboards
- Other nooks & crannies

Wipe Down/Mop

- Cabinets (Inside and out)
- Nooks & crannies on either side of washer and dryer
- On top of the washer and dryer
- Inside edges of washer and dryer
- Drawers (Inside and out)
- Closet shelves
- Counters
- Baseboards
- Other nooks & crannies
- Windows and windowsills
- Receptacles
- Floor

Bedrooms

■ Dust

- Light fixtures
- Ceiling fans
- Window shades
- Windowsills
- Closet shelves
- Baseboards
- Doors (front and back)
- Nooks & crannies

■ Vacuum

- Inside closets
- Baseboards
- Closets
- Other nooks & crannies (especially where the wall meets the carpet)
- Floors (if carpet, do this last)

■ Wipe Down/Mop

- Baseboards
- Windows and windowsills
- Receptacles
- Doors (front and back)
- Other nooks & crannies
- Floor (if wood floor, do this last)

Bathroom

■ Dust

- Light fixtures
- Window shades and windowsills
- Ceiling fans
- Nooks and crannies
- Doors (front and back)

■ Vacuum

- Floor
- Toilet (every square inch if possible!)
- Behind toilet
- Cabinets (Inside and out)
- Drawers
- Closets
- Counters
- Tub and shower
- Baseboards
- Doors (front and back)
- Nooks & crannies

■ Wipe Down/Mop

- Cabinets (Inside and out) Don't forget the hinges and hardware!
- Drawers (Inside and out)
- Closet shelves
- Toilet (every square inch)
- Toilet Paper Holder
- Towel Rack
- Shower Stall and Tub (inside and out)
- Shine faucets
- Mirrors
- Medicine cabinets (inside and out)
- Soap dishes and toothbrush holders
- Receptacles
- Baseboards
- Windows and windowsills
- Sink/Behind the sink area
- Counters (Every inch on top, front and sides)
- Doors (front and back)
- Nooks and crannies
- Floor

Living Rooms and Dens

■ Dust

- Light fixtures
- Ceiling fans
- Window shades
- Windowsills
- Closet shelves
- Exposed shelves
- Mantels
- Baseboards and Crown Molding
- Doors (inside and out)
- Nooks & crannies

■ Vacuum

- Inside closets
- Baseboards
- Closets
- Doors (inside and out)
- Other nooks & crannies (especially where the wall meets the carpet)
- Floors (if carpet, do this last)

■ Wipe Down/Mop

- Baseboards
- Windows and windowsills
- Receptacles
- Doors (inside and out)
- Other nooks & crannies
- Floor (if wood floor, do this last)
- Storm door (inside and out)

Garages

- Dust away cobwebs
- Sweep dirt and dust out of the garage