

The Fantastic End of Tenancy Cleaning Checklist



Cleaning your property at the end of a lease is both hefty and crucial for any tenant. If you fail to achieve the acceptable property condition, your security deposit might be deducted by your landlord.

Kitchen:

- Wash and polish all kitchen countertops and near-sink areas;
- Clean inside all cupboards, drawers and shelving;
- Dispose of food leftovers, carrier bags, etc.;
- Clean and polish kitchen sinks and shine taps;
- Remove any accumulated limescale;
- De-grease and wipe-off tiles;
- Remove all mould growth between grout;
- Degrease and wipe dirt off your ovens internally and externally;
- Clean between oven glass;
- Remove grime from extractors, fans and hobs;
- Scrub gas rings and gas control knobs;
- Clean your microwave both inside and out;
- Defrost your refrigerator – dispose of grime, mildew and food deposits;
- Clean your washing machine inside and out and wipe rubber at the door;
- Rinse soap drawers and filters from buildups;
- Clean dishwasher interior and exterior if accessible;
- Wipe the exterior of all appliances, including kettle and toaster;
- Rinse trash bins and remove rubbish;
- Clean smears from cupboards, shelving, and drawers;

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- Stack and arrange cutlery, utensils, and other dining ware;
- Clean windows from within and wipe down window sills, ledges and frames;
- Wipe smears from woodwork (doors, handles, door frames, furnishing and skirting boards);
- Wipe down radiators if accessible;
- Remove dust from plugs and light switches;
- Hoover, mop, and polish floors.



Bathroom:

- Clean bathtubs, shower installations, tiles, sinks, basins and other bathroom fittings of mould, limescale, and mildew;
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- Remove any cobwebs from the ceiling, walls and around furniture;
- Clean glass shower screens and doors;
- Brush and sanitise toilet seats and other utilities;
- Dust and wipe all fittings, hinges, and doors with a damp cloth;
- Throw away old shampoos and soap products;
- Wipe and polish mirrors and bathroom furnishing;
- Clean extractor fans;
- Mop the floor of dirt and stains.
- Dispose of all waste and all rubbish bags;
- Clean and rinse all rubbish bins;

Bedrooms and living rooms:

- Vacuum all carpets and rugs;
- Mop laminate and/or hard-floor areas;
- Clean the tops of furniture, wall units and shelves;

- Clean corners from cobwebs;
- Dust and wipe doors, door handles and frames;
- Dust off and wipe wall-hung pictures, paintings, and other art;
- Wipe off curtain rails and dado rails;
- Remove dust and dirt from your light fittings or shades;
- Wipe off dirt from sockets, plugs, and switches;
- Wipe off the dust from bannisters and spindles (if present);
- Cleanup the fireplace and its surroundings;
- Vacuum any upholstery and mattresses;



Entrance, hallway, stairs:

- Wipe and polish the front and back doors;
- Vacuum rugs and carpets;
- Clean up any shoe marks;
- Mop stairs and hallways;
- Wipe dust and dirt of skirting boards, lighting fixtures, wall-hung pictures, and other wall mounts;
- Clean treads, risers, balustrades, and handrails of marks, dust or other dirt;
- Dust-off doors, hinges, radiators;
- Remove cobwebs from corners, walls, and ceilings;
- Wash and polish interior windows.

Furnishings:

- Use as little water as possible when cleaning your furnishings to avoid watermarks or shrivelled surface;
- Clean any stains or grime;
- Vacuum curtains and window dressings on a low setting;

- Pay extra attention to the top and hem areas where dust accumulates the most;
- Dust your soft furnishings with a brush attachment so that no crumbs or other hard bits and pieces can damage the fibres;
- Wash and dry clean any removable coverings by following the instructions on their labels;
- Wipe and polish all hard surfaces to remove any marks and fingerprints.
- Inspect the hard-to-reach areas of your furniture and wall corners for any specks of dirt that you might have missed during the initial clean.



Carpets:

- Move any furniture that gets in the way of the cleaning;
- Vacuum carpets and rugs from end to end, repeat the process in the opposite direction if needed,
- Tackle any stubborn carpet stains with the proper cleaning method, depending on the rug's fabric; inspect carpets for any light burns that can be cleaned/fixed.
- Steam clean whenever necessary.

Drawers & cupboards:

- Clear the entire contents of your drawers, cupboards, and shelves;
- Remove any stickers, stains, or leftover food;
- Wipe and dust the interior, checking for any webs in the hard-to-reach corners;
- Polish all handles and glass doors;
- Wipe the exterior, focusing on the top and back sides.

Appliances



Fridge:

- Defrost your freezer before commencing any cleaning;
- Absorb any melted ice with a cloth;
- Remove and wash all the shelves, grilles, and slots;
- Remove any stains, grime, or leftover food;
- Wipe your fridge and freezer both on the outside and on the inside;
- Clean any dirt and dust that has accumulated underneath and behind;
- Clean all door handles and rubber seals.

Tumble drier:

- Clean inside and out;
- Inspect and wipe the rubber seal;
- Clean any residue from the soap dispenser drawer;
- Inspect and clean the filter.

Toaster:

- Clean iUnplug your toaster and let it cool off if you've used it recently;
- Make sure to clean your toaster over a sheet of paper or the sink as cleaning it can be a messy task;
- Remove the tray as it is much easier to clean the appliance when it's detached;
- Shake your toaster so that any crumbs or big chunks of bread can fall out;
- Use a small basting brush to get to any hard-to-reach corners;
- Wipe all parts clean until there are no stains left;
- Polish any knobs, handles, and buttons;
- Dry the toaster thoroughly before re-assembling and using it again.

Oven & microwaves:

- Remove the racks, thermometers, pizza stones, and pads;
- Protect your skin and nails by wearing rubber gloves;
- Evenly cover the interior of your oven or microwave with a baking soda paste or an oil degreaser;
- Let the coating do its magic overnight. Meanwhile, clean the racks and other detachable parts;
- Polish and clean the handles and knobs;
- Clean the exterior surfaces, including underneath and behind;
- Wipe the inside of the oven with a paper towel and spray around with vinegar water;
- Wipe dry one final time and put back the racks and pads.



Dishwasher:

- Turn off the appliance and start the cleaning with an empty dishwasher;
- Remove the racks and utensil holders, check if there are any food or soap buildups, and clean them;
- Disassemble the filter, the spray arm, and the grate and wipe them with a cloth dampened with vinegar and water solution;
- Check whether your filter needs changing;
- Clean your dishwasher of any leftover food or soap buildup;
- Use a toothpick to remove any food stuck on the blades or the filter;
- Clean the interior of the dishwasher with a white vinegar and water solution, and use a baking soda paste for any tough stains;
- Dry all surfaces with a paper towel;
- Reassemble all the parts back.

Washing machine:

- Remove the racks, Remove the detergent drawer and brush off any mould, buildup, or residue;
- Clean the debris filter from any grime, hair, and dirt;
- Add a cup of white vinegar and run your washing machine through a hot water cycle;
- Use a damp cloth to wipe around the rubber seals, handles, and dashboard;
- Wipe the exterior of your washing machine, including underneath and behind;
- Dry all surfaces and reassemble the detergent drawer and debris filter.



Outside the property:

Disclaimer: If there is a clause in your tenancy agreement that states that the tenant must look after the outside property, the following actions must be taken:

- Check for any scratches, rust, or marks on fences, gates, and borders;
- Clean and organise the garage and shed;
- Prune, weed, and cut down grass;
- Trim the hedges and shrubs;
- Scrub and clean any paths, driveways, and patios;
- Fix any external lighting and decorations.

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