

The Ultimate Spring Cleaning Checklist

Lets be honestbetween work, family, and life in general, cleaning sometimes feels like running on a hamster wheel. I clean and clean just to keep things looking halfway decent, and within hours, its like a tornado blew through the house. (Seriously, how do kids make messes so fast!?) Its exhausting.

Lately, Ive been on a mission to declutter our apartment because we just have way too much stuff that never gets used. Whats the point of that?! Im determined to clear out the clutter and make cleaning easier instead of just maintaining chaos.

If youre in the same boat, this deep cleaning checklist will help get your home in orderone step at a time!

General Whole-House Tasks

- * Open windows for fresh air and circulation
- * Dust ceiling fans, light fixtures, and vents
- * Wipe down walls, doors, and baseboards
- * Clean light switches and door handles (high-touch areas)
- * Wash windows (inside & out) and window screens
- * Vacuum and deep clean carpets/rugs
- * Mop and polish hard floors
- * Wash or replace air filters

Kitchen

- * Declutter and organize pantry (toss expired food)
- * Deep clean refrigerator & freezer (defrost if needed)
- * Clean oven and stovetop (remove burners & knobs)
- * Wipe down microwave (inside & out)
- * Scrub backsplash and kitchen counters
- * Clean sink and garbage disposal (use baking soda & vinegar)
- * Sanitize trash can and recycling bins
- * Wipe down cabinets (inside & out)
- * Deep clean dishwasher (remove and clean filter)
- * Organize and declutter drawers & utensils

Bathroom(s)

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- * Scrub and disinfect toilet, sink, and bathtub/shower
- * Deep clean tile grout
- * Wash or replace shower curtain and liner
- * Wipe down mirrors and glass surfaces
- * Clean and organize cabinets & drawers (toss expired products)
- * Wash bath mats, rugs, and towels
- * Polish faucets and showerheads (remove hard water buildup)
- * Sanitize trash can
- * Restock toiletries and fresh towels

Outdoor Areas

- * Sweep and clean porch, patio, and deck
- * Wipe down outdoor furniture and cushions (wash if needed)
- * Power wash driveway, walkways, and siding
- * Remove cobwebs from exterior lights and doorways
- * Clean and organize gardening tools
- * Trim overgrown plants and bushes
- * Clean gutters and downspouts (check for clogs)
- * Inspect and repair fences or gates
- * Check outdoor lighting (replace bulbs if necessary)
- * Wash and organize outdoor toys and sports equipment
- * Clean out the grill (get ready for BBQ season!)

Rule of Thumb: Keep It or Let It Go?

Decluttering can be overwhelming, but heres a simple rule of thumb to help you decide:

Ask yourself:

Have I used this in the last 6 months to a year?

Does this item bring me joy or serve a purpose?

If I saw this in a store today, would I buy it again?

Is it in good condition, or is it broken/worn out?

Do I have duplicates of this item?

If you answered NO to most of these, its time to let it go!