

Move-Out Checklist

Checklist · 30 items · 10 sections

Moving out the right way protects your security deposit and avoids disputes. This move-out checklist covers thorough cleaning, repairs, utility cancellations, and all the final steps room by room.

Open the editable version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/move-out-checklist>

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Give proper notice to landlord per lease terms (usually 30–60 days)
HIGH
- Review your lease for move-out requirements and deposit rules
HIGH
- Take date-stamped photos of every room before cleaning
HIGH
- Schedule professional cleaning if required by lease
HIGH

REPAIRS

- Patch nail holes and touch up paint scuffs on walls
HIGH
- Replace any broken or burnt-out light bulbs
- Fix any minor damage: loose handles, broken fixtures

KITCHEN

- Deep clean oven and stovetop: remove all grease and buildup
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- Clean inside refrigerator and defrost freezer if needed
HIGH
- Wipe all cabinet and drawer interiors and exteriors
HIGH
- Clean dishwasher inside and run a cleaning cycle
- Scrub kitchen sink and faucet
HIGH

- Wipe countertops and backsplash thoroughly

HIGH

BATHROOM

- Scrub toilet bowl and wipe all exterior surfaces
- Scrub shower/tub: clean tile grout and remove soap scum
- Clean bathroom sink, mirror, and vanity
- Remove any bathroom hardware or shelving you added

FLOORS

- Vacuum carpets and clean carpet stains (steam clean if required)
- Mop all hard floors

CLOSETS & STORAGE

- Clean inside all closets: wipe shelves and vacuum floor
- Remove all personal belongings: check every cabinet and corner

WINDOWS & DOORS

- Clean windows inside and wipe window sills and tracks
- Wipe down all doors and door frames

UTILITIES

- Cancel or transfer electricity, gas, and water accounts
- Cancel or transfer internet and cable service

ADDRESS CHANGE

- Submit USPS mail forwarding to new address
- Update address with bank, credit cards, and employer

HIGH

FINAL STEPS

- Return all keys, fobs, parking passes, and mailbox keys
HIGH
- Do a final walk-through with landlord: get sign-off in writing
HIGH
- Provide forwarding address to landlord for security deposit return
HIGH