

Move Out Cleaning Checklist

Checklist · 32 items · 9 sections

The complete move-out cleaning checklist for renters. Every room, every surface: so your landlord has no reason to withhold your security deposit.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

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

BEFORE CLEANING

- Remove all personal items from every room, closet, and cabinet
HIGH
- Document current condition with photos before and after cleaning
HIGH
Timestamp photos protect you from deposit disputes
- Review original move-in inspection report to address any pre-existing issues
HIGH

KITCHEN

- Clean inside and outside of refrigerator: wipe shelves, door seals, and top
HIGH
- Clean oven: use oven cleaner or baking soda paste on baked-on grease
HIGH
- Clean stovetop: burners, grates, drip pans, and control knobs
HIGH
- Clean inside and outside of microwave
HIGH
- Clean dishwasher: run cleaning cycle, wipe door gasket
HIGH
- Scrub sink and faucet: remove lime scale and water stains
HIGH
- Wipe all cabinet fronts, interiors, and drawer fronts
HIGH
- Wipe countertops and backsplash
HIGH
- Sweep and mop kitchen floor: get into corners
HIGH

HIGH

BATHROOMS

- Scrub toilet inside and outside: including base and behind
HIGH
- Scrub shower and tub: remove soap scum, mildew, and stains
HIGH
- Clean grout: use grout cleaner or bleach pen on darkened grout
HIGH
- Clean sink, faucet, and vanity
HIGH
- Wipe mirror and any cabinet/medicine cabinet
HIGH
- Clean exhaust fan cover (remove and rinse dust off)
- Mop bathroom floor: including behind toilet
HIGH

WALLS & SURFACES

- Patch nail holes with spackling compound and touch up paint if available
HIGH
Small nail holes are typically covered by normal wear: large holes or anchors must be patched
- Wipe down all walls: especially kitchen and bathroom for grease or marks
HIGH
- Clean baseboards and door frames
HIGH
- Wipe light switches and outlet covers

FLOORS

- Vacuum and spot-clean carpets: consider professional cleaning for heavy staining
HIGH
- Sweep, vacuum, and mop all hard floors
HIGH

CLOSETS & STORAGE

- Clean inside all closets: shelves, rods, and floor
HIGH

FIXTURES

- Wipe down all light fixtures and replace any burned-out bulbs

HIGH

- Clean ceiling fan blades

WINDOWS

- Wipe window sills inside and clean interior of windows

HIGH

- Clean window blinds (wipe each slat or vacuum)

FINAL STEPS

- Return all keys, parking passes, and access cards to landlord

HIGH

- Do final walkthrough with landlord if possible: document condition together

HIGH