



Seasonal Cleaning: Spring Cleaning Checklist

Get the most out of your spring cleaning by using our spring cleaning checklist. Tackle every room in your house – from bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen to the living room.

Every Room

- Wash Baseboards, door ceilings, window sills, doors, and walls.
- Vacuum and wash vents.
- Wash window treatments (drapes, etc.).
- Dust blinds.
- Wash Windows - inside and out
- Dust and shine overhead lights - replace burnt light bulbs.
- Dust and/or vacuum light fixtures and lamp shades.

Kitchen

- Clean out pantry.
- Wash kitchen cabinets.
- Deep clean oven.
- Move fridge - vacuum and mop behind it.
- Vacuum coils on fridge.
- Deep clean fridge inside - wash outside.

Living Room

- Dust and wash any and all mirrors, frames, and decorative items.
- Vacuum all upholstery.
- Vacuum all lamp shades.
- Dust furniture and fixtures.
- Wash all throw pillows and blankets (use steam).
- Dust and polish furniture.
- Vacuum and shampoo carpets - mop and wax if necessary.

Bedroom

- Wash all bedding.
- Wash all bed and throw pillows.

- Flip Mattress - if using pillow top, rotate mattress.
- Purge anything stored under bed you don't want anymore.

Home

- Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check all electronics, make sure they are plugged in, cords are untangled and everything is plugged into a surge protector.
- Check expiration date on fire extinguisher.
- Sweep front porch and back deck.
- Store all winter items, clothes, and decorations.
- Disinfect all computer keyboards and mouse - Use compressed air to remove crumbs, dust and other particulates. Use a dampened microfiber cloth and wipe the keys down. Use dry microfiber to remove any leftover moisture. Disinfectant wipes are okay to use as well.

Bathroom

- Clean and disinfect tub and shower.
- Wash bathmats.
- Dust and replace decorative items.

Wash and/or replace shower liners and shower curtains.

Other

- Discard old and expired makeup. Clean your makeup holders
- Update all your house first aid kits. Toss expired medication while sorting other medication.
- Dry clean any necessary winter clothing or items. Store all winter items for next year.
- Donate any unused clothes items to Goodwill, The Salvation Army, or other local community organizations.

Do you need more details to help you check those items off your list? We've got you covered.

Cleaning Every Room

Every room in the house has baseboards, yet they are often among the most overlooked areas of the home. However, when left uncleaned they can get pretty dirty and grimy.

You'll want clean walls to match your clean baseboards as well. However, you need to keep in mind what type of paint is on the wall, as that, plus the quality, can affect how easily dirt will come off.

Curtains and drapes can really make any room in your house pop. They can also collect dust and grime. A routine clean will spruce them up nice for spring.

Don't stop at the curtains and drapes though. Your blinds collect a lot of dust as well, along with pet fur and dander. Don't be like others and forget to give your blinds some love and care.

While you're at the window, you should go ahead and clean all the dirt and smudge marks off the glass. Then that area will really be looking good.

Cleaning the Kitchen

Shiny and clean cabinets can really make a kitchen look good. The oil slick that can build up on your cabinets is a combination of food smears, kitchen grease, lotion and oil. All-purpose cleaners aren't often equal to the challenge.

If you own a self-cleaning oven, there are some things you need to know before firing it up.

It may be spring now, but National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day is in the fall, and we created a fridge cleaning guide in honour of it that can still be useful to you this spring.

Cleaning the Living Room

Not only are fabric sofas fashionable, but they can also be very cozy. However, spills are going to happen from time to time and dirt and dust can collect on it. That's why you're going to need to learn how to properly clean it.

Cleaning the Bedroom

Can you answer when the last time was that you washed your bed sheets and pillowcases? If you had to think about it, then it's probably been too long. These things should ideally be washed on a weekly basis.

Don't just stop when you wash your bed sheets though. If you're like many people, you probably don't even think to clean your mattress and bed pad. However, it should be done at least a couple times a year.

While you're in the bedroom, take some time to organize your closet into a more effective and efficient manner. We have seven tips to help you do so.

Cleaning Your Home

You most likely touch a lot of things throughout the day, gathering germs, grease and oils, and then immediately touch your phone screen or keyboard. Since electronics have such a fixed place in our lives, it's important to keep them clean.

Though your entire home can become cluttered, there are certain areas where clutter can be more prevalent. The first step to keeping your home tidy throughout the year is identifying those areas. You can use your spring cleaning time to do that and then declutter.

If you have a home office, you know how important staying organized is for maximum productivity. Spend less time stressing and searching for documents by following these tips.

If you're a pet owner, then you know how difficult your pet can be to pick up after, especially when dealing with its hair. We have four tips to help you prepare for and pick up your dog's messes.

Cleaning the Bathroom

After a long day of work or taking care of the kids, there are not many things better than a relaxing bath or shower. However, if the shower is dirty, then you can kiss that relaxation goodbye. Make it a routine to clean your shower properly so that when it's time to relax, you can do just that.

When you're cleaning your shower, don't forget about the shower curtains. If you're like many people, you're probably not washing them often enough. You may not even be aware that it's possible to clean your plastic shower curtains, rather you just replace them when they get dirty.

It's a safe bet that cleaning the toilet isn't one of your favourite ways to spend your time. However, someone has to do it. We've compiled a list of toilet-cleaning basics to help you tackle the job.

Other Cleaning Tips

When you're cleaning, it's important to use the proper cleaning solutions. It's even more important to know that these cleaning solutions consist of chemicals and some combinations can be extremely hazardous to your health.

Smelly houses are bound to happen from time to time, even for the cleanest of homeowners. Air fresheners and candles can do a good job masking the smell temporarily, but you still need to treat the source of the smell.

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