

BEDROOM

- 1. Dust all surfaces
- 2. Vacuum all surfaces *(carpet, wood, laminate floors, etc.)*
- 3. Mop all floors *(if applicable)*
- 4. Clean marks on walls
- 5. Clean light switches and outlets
- 6. Clean doors, door frames, and doorknobs
- 7. Clean baseboards, trim, and molding
- 8. Clean windows, window sills, and blinds
- 9. Clean lights and ceiling fan
- 10. Remove any garbage

BATHROOM

- 1. Wipe and scrub the bathtub, shower walls, and glass doors
- 2. Wipe and scrub the interior and exterior of the toilet
- 3. Wipe down sink
- 4. Wipe countertops
- 5. Wipe down mirrors
- 6. Clean lights
- 7. Clean and wipe shelves
- 8. Clean inside and outside of cabinets
- 9. Clean doors, door frames, and doorknobs
- 10. Clean baseboards, trim, and molding
- 11. Dust all surfaces
- 12. Vacuum all surfaces *(wood, laminate floors, etc.)*
- 13. Mop all floors *(if applicable)*
- 14. Clean marks on walls
- 15. Clean light switches and outlets
- 16. Remove any garbage

KITCHEN

- 1. Wipe interior and exterior of appliances *(fridge, oven, stovetop, microwave, range hood, dishwasher, etc.)*
- 2. Wipe small appliances *(microwave, toaster, coffee maker, etc.)*
- 3. Wipe down countertops
- 4. Clean interior and exterior of cabinets
- 5. Scrub and wipe down sinks
- 6. Clean backsplash
- 7. Clean marks on walls
- 8. Clean light switches and outlets
- 9. Clean baseboards, trim, and molding

- 10. Dust all surfaces
- 11. Vacuum all surfaces *(carpet, wood, laminate floors, etc.)*
- 12. Mop all floors *(if applicable)*
- 13. Wipe doors, door frames, and doorknobs *(if applicable)*
- 14. Clean and wipe out pantry
- 15. Clean windows, window sills, and blinds
- 16. Remove garbage

LIVING ROOM

- 1. Dust all surfaces
- 2. Vacuum all surfaces *(carpet, wood, laminate floors, etc.)*
- 3. Mop all floors *(if applicable)*
- 4. Clean marks on walls
- 5. Clean light switches and outlets
- 6. Clean baseboards, trim, and molding
- 7. Clean windows, window sills, and blinds
- 8. Clean doors, door frames, and doorknobs
- 9. Clean lights and ceiling fan
- 10. Remove any garbage

PATIO *(IF APPLICABLE)*

- 1. Sweep and remove all debris
- 2. Wash windows
- 3. Clean patio door, sliding door, door frame, and doorknobs
- 4. Remove any garbage

GARAGE *(IF APPLICABLE)*

- 1. Sweep garage floors
- 2. Remove any debris
- 3. Remove any garbage

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. Clean the front door and back door of your home
- 2. Wipe the exterior of the washing machine and dryer
- 3. Clean fireplace *(if applicable)*
- 4. Clean all closets *(bedrooms, hallways, etc.)*
- 5. Clean the balcony area
- 6. Mow and trim the lawn

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS *(DEPENDING ON YOUR LEASE AND SECURITY DEPOSIT)*

- 1. Patch nails
- 2. Fix holes or walls
- 3. Check smoke detector
- 4. Inspect your fire extinguisher
- 5. Make sure your tub isn't peeling from its glaze
- 6. Paint rooms back to their original color

CLEANING TIPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Use the right cleaning products:** Floors, surfaces, and walls aren't all equal. Not every cleaning product will work on every surface so make sure you are following the directions carefully. You also want to make sure you're not accidentally mixing cleaning chemicals.
- 2. Essential cleaning tools:** You'll want a vacuum, a duster, or wipes to clean your home. If you're cleaning on your own, you'll need to know whether you have the tools already. If you don't have the right tools, you'll need to decide whether to buy or rent those cleaning tools.
- 3. Eco-friendly cleaning solutions:** Are you conscious about the environment and the carbon footprint you leave behind? By carefully selecting your cleaning products, you can leave a better footprint behind.
- 4. Asking for help:** If you need help cleaning your home, consider [hiring your Service Providers from the Moving Help Marketplace to clean your home](#). If they're already helping you move, they can help you clean your home afterward. You should make sure you have clear communications on the expectations of cleaning your apartment or house with your local moving labor providers.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- 1. Do you need some more moving guidelines?** Check out our [studio apartment guideline](#), [one-bedroom apartment guideline](#), [two-bedroom apartment guideline](#), or our [moving house checklist guideline](#).
- 2. Moving Help** has plenty of resources to help you with every aspect of your move.

FAQ

Q: What goes into a move-out clean?

A: A move out clean requires a deep clean of your entire living space to ensure the standards required to receive your cleaning or security deposit back. By using the top-bottom routine, you'll be able to clean in an efficient and quicker manner. Your cleaning will include the floors, walls, appliances, fixtures, and other surfaces.

Q: How do you clean walls when moving out?

A: To clean walls when moving out, start working from top to bottom. Use gentle, non-abrasive cleaning products suitable for your wall type to avoid damage. Clean walls are crucial for a successful move out cleaning plan.

Q: How do you declutter when moving out?

A: Decluttering before moving out involves a systematic approach. You start by tackling each room one at a time. Evaluate each item and ask yourself if you've used that item in the past year and whether you'd use it in your new space. Sort the items into these categories: Keep, sell, donate, or throw away. Setting aside dedicated and decluttering time can help you save time down the road and speed up your packing process.

Q: Do I need to clean my oven before moving out?

A: Yes, you need to clean your oven before moving out. Some ovens have a self-clean function, which you should use to clean them properly. If your oven needs some additional

cleaning, you should make sure to use appropriate oven cleaning products to clean the inside and outside of your oven. Oven racks can be cleaned via the sink.

Q: How do you deep clean an empty room?

A: You can deep clean an empty room by using the top-down cleaning method. This will ensure everything is cleaned once. You also should emphasize cleaning every nook and cranny. A deep clean will take longer so don't worry if you take more time than usual to clean your space.

Q: What is the best thing to wash walls?

A: You should use mild, gentle, non-abrasive cleaning products that are suitable for your specific wall type. If you're unsure about a product, test a small area in an inconspicuous area first. You should gently wipe down the walls using a soft cloth or sponge while working your way from the top to the bottom.

Q: How do you clean baseboards?

A: You'll want to clean baseboards by dusting them or using a vacuum to remove loose dirt and debris from the area. Next you can use warm water and mild dish soap to gently wipe down the baseboards with a soft cloth or sponge. If you're having trouble removing tough stains, you can use a magic eraser or a mixture of baking soda and water to scrub away the stubborn stains.