



Your Room-by-Room Cleaning Checklist

Facing off against a disorganized, dirty house can feel intimidating, so take a deep breath and tackle your New Year's cleaning one room at a time. Here is a quick and easy cleaning checklist for every room in the house. Let's get cleaning!

Kitchen

- Clear the countertops.
- Wipe down countertops and cabinets with all-purpose cleaner.
- Clean inside the microwave and oven. (Consider using an oven-specific cleaner designed to break down grease and baked-on food residue.)
- Wipe down appliances with vinegar and water or all-purpose cleaner.
- Clean your sink and faucet.
- Sweep and mop your floors.
- Clear out the fridge and clean the shelves.
- Organize your cabinets and pantry.

Bathrooms

- Clean showers and tubs with an all-purpose cleaner or a baking soda paste to cut through soap scum.
- Clean sinks. Run diluted vinegar down the sink to break up grime, soap, and buildup.
- Clean mirrors.
- Wipe down the vanity top.
- Disinfect the toilet using a toilet cleaner or bleach, then clean it with a pumice stone or toilet wand.
- Sweep and mop floors.
- Organize closets and under the sink.

Living Room and Common Areas

- Pick up and put away toys and other items.
- Vacuum and mop hard floors.
- Vacuum upholstered furniture and curtains.
- Dust shelving, screens, light fixtures, and other surfaces.
- Wipe down surfaces like coffee tables and shelves.
- Clean windows.
- Wipe down baseboards.
- Spot-clean walls.

Bedrooms

- Pick up and put away clothes, toys, and other items.
- Strip beds and launder the bedding.
- Vacuum floors and under furniture.
- Clean mirrors.
- Clean windows and frames.
- Wipe down surfaces like dressers, shelves, and nightstands.
- Organize closets, bookshelves, toy shelves, and shoe shelves.
- Organize dresser drawers and nightstand drawers.
- Dust all surfaces, baseboards, and light fixtures.

Kids' Playroom

- Clean and disinfect hard toys.
- Put away all other toys, books, and art supplies.
- Wipe down tables and surfaces with an all-purpose cleaner.
- Spot-clean walls.
- Vacuum rugs and mop the floor.
- Clean windows.
- Dust surfaces, corners, light fixtures, and baseboards.
- Launder bedding and clothes.

Home Office

- Organize paperwork and remove clutter.
- Clean and disinfect your keyboard, mouse, and phone.
- Dust your computer screen, printer, and electronics.
- Vacuum the floor.
- Wipe down the desk and shelves.
- Clean windows.
- Dust light fixtures, chairs, and baseboards.