

Tenant Move Out Cleaning Check List

Cleaning is always an area of contention between landlords and tenants. Getting the whole security deposit back is a goal for both owners and tenants. If there are no problems then the landlord can rent quickly and without labor cost or management time and the tenant receives more of their security deposit back.

That's why a tenant moving out should take the time to insure that they have completed all of the following:

- All pins, nails, and screws used to hang pictures should be removed
- Be sure to dust and wash dirt and Scuff marks of the Ceiling molding, wall molding, window molding, baseboards, and windowsills
- Blinds should be wiped clean of dirt and dust.
- Wash all windows inside and out Bathroom walls and ceilings must be free of mold and mildew.
- Kitchen walls must be cleaned to remove grease and grime.
- All sinks, toilets, bathtubs and showers should be scrubbed clean. There should be no soap scum left behind.
- The inside of the stove and broiler should sparkle.
- The inside and outside of the refrigerator and freezer should be washed. If you have a freezer that frosts up, it must be defrosted and cleaned.
- Cabinets and drawers should be emptied and the shelves wiped clean.
- Closets should be completely empty. That includes hangers and gift wrap. Be sure to dust any closet shelving.
- All non-carpeted floors should be scrubbed clean, even the corners. Carpets should be vacuumed and any stains cleaned up. Remember to take special care to vacuum up dirt and dust bunnies along the walls and in corners.
- Decks must be completely cleaned and all drains free of debris.
- Garages must be cleared of all personal property. Oil stains should be cleaned up.
- Make sure the common area grounds are free of debris otherwise you will be jointly charged the hauling fees.
- Do not leave all the trashcans and dumpsters full and a pile of things to be thrown away next to it. Trash and personal belongings left behind will be disposed of at your expense.
- Replace all the light bulbs that are burned out this includes florescent and specialty bulbs (bulbs higher than 10' high do not apply)

Tenants With Pets

- Animal smells and soils must be removed from carpets. If you believe normal vacuuming or spot cleaning is not enough please give the office a call and we can recommend low cost carpet cleaners that specialize in neutralizing odors and removing pet stains.
- Remember to remove any pet feces from the yard, garden or surrounding grounds.
- Fleas are a very big issue for tenants with pets. Fleas live only a small portion of their lives on animals. We recommend a good vacuuming and flea bombing. If you had pets and incoming tenants complain of fleas, you are responsible and will be charged for de-fleaing the unit.

ALL ROOMS

- ✓ Burned out light bulbs replaced including florescent and specialty bulbs
- ✓ Outlets and switch plate covers cleaned (cracked, damaged & missing plates will charge replacement costs)
- ✓ All surface areas cleaned
- ✓ Ceilings free of cobwebs
- ✓ Walls cleaned and free of dirt (fingerprints, dings, crayon etc.)
- ✓ Nail holes patched and sanded
- ✓ Floors and baseboards scrubbed and cleaned
- ✓ Carpets vacuumed and shampooed (if applicable)
- ✓ Windows, windowsills, frames and cracks cleaned
- ✓ All belongings and trash removed
- ✓ Owner supplied appliances and/or furniture must be cleaned thoroughly



KITCHEN

- ✓ Cupboards and drawers emptied and cleaned
- ✓ Fridge and freezer emptied and cleaned (trays, shelves, door seal, handles)
- ✓ Top and outside of fridge/freezer cleaned
- ✓ Fridge/freezer pulled out and floor cleaned underneath
- ✓ Stove surface cleaned (including knobs and underneath panel)
- ✓ Stove drip pans scoured
- ✓ Stove bottom drawer cleaned
- ✓ Stovetop lifted and scoured
- ✓ Stove exhaust filter must be scrubbed clean (like new) or replaced
- ✓ Oven interior and racks scrubbed
- ✓ Sink scoured
- ✓ Ceiling free of cobwebs
- ✓ Dishwasher surfaces cleaned
- ✓ Burned out light bulbs replaced

BATHROOM

- ✓ Exhaust fan cleaned
- ✓ Medicine cabinets emptied and cleaned
- ✓ Toilet tank and base cleaned
- ✓ Toilet bowl scrubbed
- ✓ Floor scrubbed
- ✓ Sink cleaned
- ✓ Shower curtain removed (if NOT provided by Landlord)
- ✓ Outlets and switch plate covers cleaned
- ✓ Vanity surface cleaned
- ✓ Mirror(s) cleaned
- ✓ Shower floor and walls scrubbed (free of soap scum and mildew)

BEDROOMS

- ✓ Blinds cleaned
- ✓ Heat vents and registers wiped off

LIVING ROOM

- ✓ Blinds cleaned
- ✓ Air conditioner filter and cover cleaned
- ✓ Heat vents and registers wiped off

ALL CLOSETS

- ✓ Vacuumed and cleaned
- ✓ Doors and shelves wiped down
- ✓ Remove any appliquéés

OTHER

- ✓ All belongings and trash removed from garage and parking space (if applicable)

