Residential Deep Cleaning Checklist

This fully detailed checklist outlines comprehensive deep cleaning procedures for a residential property. It includes extensive surface-level detail, including high-touch points, visible surfaces, and accessible areas. It excludes the interiors of cabinets, drawers, and appliances unless otherwise specified.

Whole House – General

- Dust and wipe all surfaces including furniture tops, baseboards, crown moldings, trim, and window sills
- Dust and wipe down ceiling fans, exhaust vents, and light fixtures (reachable with a step stool)
- Spot clean all walls, doors, and door frames for fingerprints, scuffs, and smudges
- Clean and disinfect all doorknobs, light switches, thermostat panels, and handrails
- Vacuum carpets thoroughly using edging tools along walls and corners
- Mop all hard flooring with appropriate cleaners (paying extra attention to corners and edges)
- Remove cobwebs from ceilings, corners, and behind furniture
- Clean interior windows, wipe tracks, and polish glass panes
- Wipe both sides of doors and door frames throughout the home
- Empty, wash, and sanitize all trash bins in every room

Living Room / Common Areas

- Dust and polish furniture (tables, shelves, media centers), including under cushions
- Vacuum all fabric upholstery and use brush attachment on edges and crevices
- Disinfect and wipe remote controls, light switches, and electronic surfaces
- Clean and polish any glass tabletops and mirrors
- Vacuum or mop under large furniture, only if it's safe for the cleaner to move or it has already been moved
- Straighten throw blankets and fluff pillows
- Wipe down décor and remove dust buildup from baseboards and corners

Bedrooms

- Dust all bedroom furniture: dressers, nightstands, headboards, lamps, and wall décor
- Clean mirrors, windows, and sills
- Vacuum or mop floors, including under beds and behind furniture if accessible
- Make beds with clean linens (if provided), including pillowcase replacement
- Wipe down closet doors, trim, and knobs
- Dust blinds and check window glass for smudges or handprints
- Disinfect light switches, drawer handles, and door knobs

Kitchen

- Disinfect and wipe all countertops and backsplash surfaces thoroughly
- Clean and polish sink, faucet, and sink edges; scrub away any buildup
- Clean exterior of refrigerator, oven, microwave, and dishwasher (top, sides, handles)
- Clean inside of microwave: ceiling, turntable, sides, and door
- Wipe all cabinet and drawer fronts, including hardware
- Wipe down light switches, outlets, backsplash tiles, and trim
- Sweep and mop floors thoroughly, including under appliances, only if it's safe for the cleaner to move them or they've already been moved prior to arrival
- Empty trash, replace liner, and sanitize trash bin interior and lid
- Wipe down light fixtures and vent covers

Bathrooms

- Scrub and disinfect all sinks, faucets, tubs, toilets (base and behind), and showers
- Wipe and polish mirrors, glass doors, and chrome fixtures
- Disinfect toilet flush handle, seat (top and bottom), and surrounding wall if splashed
- Clean exterior of cabinets and drawers; wipe drawer pulls and knobs
- Wipe down walls, towel racks, baseboards, and switches
- Empty trash and sanitize inside and outside of bin
- Mop floors thoroughly with disinfectant, especially around toilet base
- Replace toilet paper, soap, and towels (if host-supplied)

Laundry Room

- Wipe down outside of washer and dryer including control panels and knobs
- Clean and sanitize laundry sink and faucet (if applicable)
- Sweep and mop floors, including behind and beside appliances, only if it's safe for the cleaner to move them or they've already been moved
- Dust shelves, counters, cabinets, and surfaces
- Empty dryer lint trap and wipe around the dryer opening
- Disinfect light switches and handles

Entryways / Hallways / Stairs

- Sweep or vacuum floors and stairs; mop if applicable
- Wipe railings, newel posts, and stair edges
- Clean front and interior doors, doorknobs, and glass panels
- Dust light fixtures, baseboards, and corners
- Spot clean walls and switch plates
- Tidy any shoes, coats, or entryway clutter (if applicable)

Not Included

- Laundry and dishwashing (available as an add-on)
- Interior of cabinets, drawers, closets, and major appliances (available as an add-on)
- Exterior window washing (available as an add-on)
- Carpet shampooing or steam cleaning (available as an add-on)
- Wall painting or drywall repair
- Moving furniture or appliances beyond what's safely accessible — see note above
- Mold, pest, or biohazard cleanup