

# Residential Deep Cleaning Checklist

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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 (if moveable and safe to do so)
- - 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 accessible appliances
- - 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 (if accessible)
- - 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)