

# **A complete checklist for cleaning a rental property**

## **Create a Cleaning Checklist:**

- Break down the cleaning tasks room by room to ensure thorough cleaning.
- Prioritize areas that potential tenants are likely to inspect closely, such as the kitchen and bathroom.

## **Gather Cleaning Supplies:**

- Before you start, make sure you have all the necessary cleaning supplies, including cleaning solutions, scrub brushes, microfiber cloths, vacuum cleaners, mop, and garbage bags.

## **Start with Decluttering:**

- Remove any personal items left by the previous tenant.
- Declutter common areas to make the space look more spacious and inviting.

## **Clean Walls and Baseboards:**

- Clean the walls using a moist cloth to eliminate dirt and fingerprints.
- Clean baseboards using a mild cleaning solution.

## **Dust and Clean Light Fixtures:**

- Dust light fixtures and ceiling fans.
- Clean light switches and outlets.

## **Clean Windows and Window Treatments:**

- Wash windows inside and out.
- Clean blinds or curtains.

#### **Deep Clean Carpets and Floors:**

- Vacuum carpets thoroughly.
- Consider professional carpet cleaning if necessary.
- Mop hard floors and clean grout if applicable.

#### **Scrub Kitchen Appliances and Surfaces:**

- Clean inside and outside of appliances (oven, refrigerator, dishwasher).
- Wipe down countertops, cabinets, and backsplashes.
- Clean the sink and faucets.

#### **Disinfect Bathroom Surfaces:**

- Scrub the bathtub, shower, and tiles.
- Clean the toilet, including the bowl, seat, and surrounding areas.
- Wipe down bathroom counters and clean mirrors.

#### **Check and Replace Furnace/Air Filters:**

- Ensure that HVAC filters are clean or replace them if necessary.

#### **Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:**

- Make sure detectors are functioning properly and have fresh batteries.

#### **Pay Attention to Outdoor Areas:**

- Sweep and clean the entryway.
- Trim bushes and mow the lawn, if applicable.

- Clean outdoor furniture if present.

#### **Attend to Odors:**

- Identify and eliminate any unpleasant odors.
- Consider using air fresheners or opening windows for ventilation.

#### **Final Walk-Through:**

- Conduct a final walk-through to ensure all cleaning tasks are completed.
- Address any remaining issues before showing the property.

#### **Professional Cleaning Services:**

- If needed, consider hiring professional cleaners for a more thorough job.

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