



Vacation Rental Cleaning Checklist: 99+ Action Items [Template]

Vacation rental cleaning checklist: preparing your rental for a new guest

General

- Wipe down blinds and dust curtains
- Clean windows
- Dust lamp fixtures (both tabletop and overhead)
- Disinfect door and window handles, latches, knobs, and locks

Kitchen

- Scrub and disinfect sink
- Wipe down and disinfect backsplash and counters
- Clean inside outside of the fridge
- Load and start the dishwasher, then put dry dishes, glasses, and cutlery away
- Clean cupboard, cabinets, and cabinet handles
- Wipe down microwave
- Degrease oven, stovetop, and knobs
- Clean and sanitize trash can and fit it with a new garbage bag
- Clean coffee machine
- Wipe down dining area, including tabletops, chairs
- Remove table leaves and clean leaves, table crevices, and grooves for crumbs
- Wipe down any high chairs and booster seats
- Clean any centerpieces or decorative bowls.
- Mop and shine floor
- Replace dirty kitchen linens with fresh ones
- Restock any essentials if provided, like paper towels and napkins

Bathroom

- Provide clean towels
- Restock toilet paper
- Sanitize toilet bowl, including under the rim, seat surface, and the surrounding area



- Scrub down bathtub, shower, and jacuzzi (even the jets)
- Clean, disinfect, and shine faucets, sinks, and mirror
- Check for mildew, limescale, and soap scum and use appropriate cleaners
- Clean and disinfect any countertops or flat surfaces.
- Remove any hair from drains.
- Replace any complimentary toiletries
- Vacuum and mop floor

Bedroom

- Replace bedsheets
- Adjust any bed skirts
- Check and clean between headboard and mattress (you may find lost items there)
- Dust nightstands, lightbulbs, and light fixtures
- Disinfect bedposts, switches, knobs, and TV remotes
- Empty and clean wardrobes, closets, dressers, and drawers
- Check and clean under the bed
- Vacuum floors, rugs, or carpets

Living room

- Vacuum under furniture
- Check and vacuum between sofa cushions (another hotspot for lost objects)
- Clean or wipe down sofa surface to remove lint
- Disinfect remotes, light switches, and coffee table
- Dust all furniture surfaces and legs, including the TV
- Tidy up bookshelves and magazine racks
- Water plants
- Check throw pillows, blankets, and rugs for stains

Outdoors

- Remove weeds, dead leaves, and general debris from garden and lawn
- Wipe down and disinfect lawn and patio furniture, including chair cushions and any children's toys
- Clean barbecue and remove any food from the grill
- Clean swimming pool
- Sweep patio and walkways
- Clean windows and window sills from the outside

Vacation rental cleaning checklist: mid-stay housekeeping

- Provide fresh bath towels and kitchen linens
- Change bed sheets
- Restock toilet paper and any complimentary bath or kitchen items provided
- Clean swimming pool, including swimming pool bathrooms and changing areas
- Tidy up the living room and dining area
- Clean patio or terrace
- Clean kitchen and bathrooms
- Vacuum and mop

Vacation rental cleaning checklist: post-check-out cleaning

- Check for damages, missing objects, or forgotten guest items
- Inspect the microwave and refrigerator for leftover food, crumbs, or stains
- Look under beds and furniture and check inside waste bins and sinks
- See if drawers and cabinets are empty
- Double-check if guests recycled property and used the correct recycle bins
- Take out the trash, sanitize trash bins, and replace trash bags
- Strip the bed and replace with fresh sheets and pillowcases
- Replace bathroom and kitchen linens with fresh ones
- Vacuum and dust in every room
- Wipe down and disinfect all surfaces, including handles and knobs
- Sanitize the bathrooms and kitchen

Cleaning checklist for vacation rentals: deep cleaning

Indoors

- Dry clean curtains and any removable furniture coverings
- Deep clean corners, baseboards, ledges, and hard-to-reach areas
- Check smoke alarms and home alarms
- Pull out and clean behind heavy furniture and appliances
- Empty and clean washer and dryer filters
- Clean inside of the dishwasher
- Clean window tracks and frames
- Dust walls, ceilings, and ceiling fans to remove cobwebs and dusty build-ups
- Clean mattress pads
- Remove mattresses to wipe down bed frames



- Clean sides, backs, tops, and inside of all furniture
- Clean tops and surfaces of doors and door frames
- Deep clean closets and wardrobes
- Wash or replace shower curtains
- Polish lamps
- Completely clean pantry area, removing and cleaning shelves to remove crumbs effectively
- Defrost freezer, then clean the inside of both freezer and fridge
- Make sure small appliances are still working, like hairdryers and coffee machines
- Clean small appliances like removing crumbs from the toaster
- Deep clean oven (if not self-cleaning): remove and degrease internal racks and clean and degrease vents and oven door
- Clean vents of microwave and fridge
- Professionally clean rugs and carpets

Outdoors

- Clean gutters
- Clean swimming pool
- Dust and clean garage
- Clean window/door frames and screens
- Clean hot tub, including the jets. Then fill the tub with water, run jets, drain, and wipe down
- Deep wash outdoor concrete surfaces, like driveways, walkways, patios, and stairs

Cleaning supplies inventory checklist

- Multi-surface vacuum cleaner
- Mops for all floor types
- Rubber gloves
- All-purpose detergents
- Multi-surface disinfectants
- Disinfectant wipes
- Sponges and scrub brushes
- Microfiber cloths
- Toilet brush
- Wood polish
- Glass cleaner
- Dish soap
- Spray bottles

- Mold/mildew remover
- Degreaser
- Air fresheners
- Linen sprays

Cleaning supplies for guests

- A small bottle of dish soap
- A fresh kitchen sponge
- Complimentary hand soap for the bathroom
- A couple of laundry detergent pods
- A multi-purpose cleaner
- A mop and bucket
- A broom with a dustpan or a lightweight vacuum cleaner



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