

# End of Tenancy Cleaning Checklist

Complete room-by-room guide for tenants and landlords

Use this checklist before your check-out inspection. Work room by room, top to bottom. Compare against your check-in inventory throughout. Tick each item once complete.

## Kitchen

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Oven and grill -- degrease inside and out  | <input type="checkbox"/> Washing machine -- hot cycle with baking soda, clean seals and filter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hob -- remove and clean burner rings or plates                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dishwasher -- run hot cycle, clean filter and door seal               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extractor fan -- clean filter, casing and blades                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tumble dryer -- clean lint filter, wipe drum                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fridge -- remove all food, clean shelves and seals                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Kettle -- descale thoroughly  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freezer -- defrost and clean internally<br><i>Allow 24 hours before move-out day</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Microwave -- clean inside, outside and turntable                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cupboards -- empty, wipe inside and out  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toaster -- empty crumb tray, wipe down                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sink -- descale and clean, baking soda down drain                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Worktops -- wipe all surfaces including behind appliances             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floor -- sweep and mop from far corner to entrance                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bins -- empty, clean and disinfect inside and out                     |

## Bathrooms

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet -- scrub bowl, clean seat, lid, base and behind unit    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiles -- clean all tiles, remove mould from grout with a toothbrush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sink and vanity unit -- clean, descale and wipe cabinet        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors and glass -- polish to streak-free finish                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath -- clean with bathroom cleaner, descale taps and overflow | <input type="checkbox"/> Taps -- clean and polish throughout                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shower tray and doors -- clean and descale throughout          | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiators and towel rails -- wipe down and dust                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shower head -- descale, remove limescale from fittings         | <input type="checkbox"/> Extractor fan -- remove all dust and dirt from cover and blades     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floor -- sweep or vacuum then mop with hot water and detergent |  |

## Bedrooms

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wardrobes -- empty, clean inside, shelves, rails and top    | <input type="checkbox"/> Light switches and sockets -- wipe down carefully        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drawers and bedside tables -- empty and wipe inside and out | <input type="checkbox"/> Skirting boards -- wipe along full length                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All surfaces -- dust and wipe down thoroughly               | <input type="checkbox"/> Under the bed -- vacuum and move bed to clean underneath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors -- clean and polish                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpets or hard floors -- vacuum or sweep and mop        |

## Living Areas

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sofas and armchairs -- remove cushions, beat and vacuum base  | <input type="checkbox"/> Light switches and power sockets -- wipe down, no wet cloths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelving and bookcases -- empty, dust and wipe including tops | <input type="checkbox"/> Lampshades and light fittings -- dust carefully              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cupboards and storage -- empty, clean inside and out          | <input type="checkbox"/> Skirting boards -- wipe along full length                    |

All surfaces -- dust and damp wipe throughout

Carpets or hard floors -- vacuum or sweep and mop

## Walls, Doors and Ceilings

Ceilings -- remove cobwebs with long-handled duster

Skirting boards -- wipe along all edges throughout the property

Light fittings and smoke alarms -- dust and wipe carefully

Doors -- clean full door, top, frame, handle and fingerplates

Walls -- wipe down, test cleaner on small area first

Front door -- clean both inside and outside

## Windows

Glass -- clean inside and out to streak-free finish

Curtains -- check for marks or stains, clean if needed

Frames and seals -- wipe down with appropriate cleaner

Curtain rails -- dust and wipe along the top

Sills -- dust and wipe inside and outside

Blinds -- close one way, dust, then repeat the other way

## Floors and Carpets

All carpets -- vacuum entire property including corners and edges

Hard floors -- sweep or vacuum then mop all surfaces

Stains -- treat all marked areas  
*Consider a carpet cleaning machine for heavy marks*

Thresholds and edges -- vacuum and clean along all edges

## Outdoor Areas and Bins

Garden -- mow lawn, remove weeds and clear outdoor rubbish

Bins -- empty all bins inside and outside, clean and disinfect

Patio or balcony -- sweep and clean the surface

All rubbish -- remove every item of waste from the property

### Pro Tip

Do not leave the kitchen and bathrooms until the last minute. These two areas take the most time and attract the most scrutiny at inspection. Book a dedicated session for each at least two to three days before move-out so you have time to go back and re-address anything flagged.

## Before You Hand Back the Keys

Photograph every room after cleaning -- date-stamp all photos

Save all photos -- email to yourself as a backup

Close-up shots of oven, grout, window frames and floors

Complete check-out in person with landlord or agent if possible

Compare your photos against the check-in inventory

Keep a copy of the signed check-out report

Legal note: Under the Tenant Fees Act 2019, landlords cannot require tenants to use a professional cleaning company. Tenants may choose to hire professional help but the decision is theirs alone. The standard required at check-out is the same standard as at check-in, as documented in the inventory.

**The same standard in. The same standard out.**