

Cleaning Checklist

Outside:

- Mow and water lawn
- Trim weeds and sweep concrete of all grass clippings
- Trim trees & bushes away from the house
- Clean front entrance/Stoop/Porch
- Clean all entryways of dirt/cobwebs
- Polish door handles, address numbers, light fixtures
- Wash windows, screens, shutters, and eaves
- Clean gutters if they need it (the inspectors will look)
- Clean Backyard (trash/leaves/stuff you don't notice any more)
- Clean outdoor grill, fire pit, and lawn furniture
- Pressure wash all concrete (sidewalks, driveway, patio) and decks
- Clean grease and oil spills from driveway, sidewalks, patios
- Clean filters for swimming pools, hot tubs, etc.
- Clean ponds and fountains (Make it look easy to maintain)
- Remove ANY signs of smoking outside (pick up butts, remove ash trays)
- Weed yard and garden
- Clean/pressure wash all fencing

Garage:

- Wash the overhead and walk-through garage doors
- Clean air vents
- Wipe down workbench surfaces
- Wipe all cabinets/storage units

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Garage, Cont'd:

- Wash all walls
- Clean all hardware for doors, pulldowns, etc.
- Clean windows and screens, inside and out
- Remove all cobwebs
- Sweep entire floor
- Hose down/ pressure wash the floor
- Clean grease and oil spills from the floor

Entryways and mudroom:

- Clean the door(s)
- Clean air vents
- Clean the glass in the door and sidelights
- Polish door hardware
- Sweep/vacuum floor
- Mop hard surface floor
- Clean light fixture
- Wipe switch/outlet plates with cleaning wipe
- Clean walls
- Use Magic Eraser to handle any scuff marks
- Wipe baseboards and all woodwork
- Use grout cleaner if necessary

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Kitchen:

- Clean all kitchen drawers
- Clean air vents
- Clean appliances inside and out (Yes...buyers will look)
- Stove top
- Stove hood
- Oven (including drawers)
- Refrigerator (remember the top)
- Microwave
- Dishwasher
- Any remaining countertop appliances
- Polish all fixtures in the sink
- Polish all drawer and cabinet hardware
- Clean garbage can
- Clean all kitchen cabinets, front and inside
- Clean all baseboards
- Scrub floor wall to wall
- Use grout cleaner if necessary
- Clean all counters, including backsplash
- Clean sink
- Put 1/2 cup of baking soda & cup of vinegar in the disposal, run with water
- Clean all windows and screens, inside and out
- Remove cobwebs from ceiling corners
- Clean ceiling fans and light covers (get the bugs/dust out)
- Wash all light switch plates and outlet covers with cleaning wipes
- Wipe down all walls, particularly by cooking areas and garbage can areas
- Clean/dust all window blinds

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Bathrooms:

- Clean all bathroom cabinets, inside and out (Yes...they will look)
- Clean all bathroom drawers
- Clean air vents
- Scrub sink
- Polish all fixtures in bathroom sink, shower, drawer/cabinet hardware
- Clean shower top to bottom
- Scrub toilet, including top, behind/under seat, around the base near the floor
- Clean and sweep unfinished basement, including utility areas
- Remove cobwebs from ceiling corners
- Clean ceiling fans and light covers (get the bugs/dust out)
- Wash all light switch plates and outlet covers with cleaning wipes
- Scrub floor wall to wall
- Use grout cleaner on floor, shower, etc. if necessary
- Clean/dust all window blinds
- Clean all windows and screens, inside and out
- Clean all mirrors
- Wipe down all walls

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All Other Rooms: (Print as needed) _____

- Dust all electronics and clean all screens that are staying
- Clean air vents
- Empty trash cans
- Remove carpet stains and any signs of pet damage
- Vacuum/sweep all floors
- Shampoo carpets
- Clean ceiling fans and light covers (get the bugs/dust out)
- Clean the floors and walls of all closets
- Wash all light switch plates and outlet covers with cleaning wipes
- Clean fireplace
- Clean or replace drapes
- Clean/dust all window blinds
- Clean all windows and screens, inside and out
- Clean all mirrors
- Polish woodwork/clean hard surfaces (mantles and such)
- Wipe down any remaining hard-surface furniture
- Wash pets and remove during showings if at all possible
- Clean litter box and remove during showings if at all possible
- Remove ANY signs of smoking anywhere in the house, including ash trays
- Remove mildew
- Dust/clean all lamps and shades
- Wipe down all walls
- Consider having a professional cleaning team go over the house again
- For extra credit, consider hiring someone to vacuum out your ducts
- Go get more ice cream and/or beer/wine. You've earned it.