The Spring Cleaning Checklist

A room-by-room plan for the spring reset, so nothing gets missed after the long winter.

Spring cleaning goes faster when you don't have to think about what's next. This checklist splits the house into areas, with the jobs for each one, from the everyday surfaces to the gutters and the smoke detectors. Pick an area, work down the list and check things off as you go.

You don't have to do it all in one weekend. One or two areas a day gets the whole house done in about two weeks.

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REMEMBER

Declutter first, then clean. There's less to clean when there's less stuff.

MY PLAN

Start _____

Finish _____

Who helps _____

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General Cleaning

The jobs that cover every room, then the living area.

General cleaning

- [ ] Dust all surfaces: shelves, counters and furniture.
- [ ] Wipe down doorknobs, light switches and other high-touch spots.
- [ ] Vacuum carpets and rugs, and mop the hard floors.
- [ ] Clean the baseboards and crown molding.
- [ ] Wash the windows, inside and out.
- [ ] Dust and clean light fixtures and ceiling fans.
- [ ] Wash the curtains, and vacuum and wipe down the blinds.
- [ ] Wash or dry-clean throw pillows and blankets.
- [ ] Clean and vacuum under furniture and appliances.
- [ ] Vacuum and flip the mattresses.

Living area

- [ ] Vacuum and clean the upholstery.
- [ ] Dust the entertainment center and electronics.
- [ ] Clean and polish wood furniture.
- [ ] Vacuum and clean the area rugs.
- [ ] Declutter and organize shelves and bookcases.
- [ ] Wash or dry-clean pillow covers and curtains.

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Kitchen and Bathrooms

The rooms that work hardest all year.

Kitchen

- [ ] Clean and disinfect the countertops.
- [ ] Clean and sanitize the sinks and faucets.
- [ ] Empty and clean the fridge and freezer, and toss anything expired.
- [ ] Clean the oven and stovetop.
- [ ] Clean the microwave, toaster and small appliances.
- [ ] Wipe down the cabinet fronts and handles.
- [ ] Empty and clean inside the cabinets and drawers.
- [ ] Clean and disinfect the garbage disposal.

Bathrooms

- [ ] Scrub and disinfect the toilet.
- [ ] Clean and disinfect the sinks and faucets.
- [ ] Clean the bathtub and shower tiles.
- [ ] Replace the shower curtain liner if needed.
- [ ] Wipe down and disinfect all surfaces.
- [ ] Wash the bath mats and shower curtains.
- [ ] Clean the mirrors.
- [ ] Empty and clean the cabinets and drawers.

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Bedrooms, Outdoors and Garage

From the closets out to the porch and the garage floor.

Bedrooms

- [ ] Wash and change the bedding.
- [ ] Dust and clean all the bedroom furniture.
- [ ] Declutter and organize the closets and drawers.
- [ ] Donate or toss clothes and things you no longer need.
- [ ] Vacuum and clean under the bed.

Outdoors

- [ ] Sweep and clean the porch or patio.
- [ ] Clean the outdoor furniture.
- [ ] Wash the windows and screens.
- [ ] Check and clean the gutters.
- [ ] Prune and trim the trees and bushes.
- [ ] Plant new flowers if you like.

Garage and storage

- [ ] Declutter and organize the storage areas.
- [ ] Sweep and clean the garage floor.
- [ ] Donate or toss what you no longer need.
- [ ] Check and organize the tools and equipment.

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The Once-a-Year Jobs

Easy to forget, and spring is a good time to do them all at once.

Home checks

- [ ] Change the batteries in the smoke detectors.
- [ ] Check and replace the HVAC filters.
- [ ] Clean and organize the pantry and kitchen cabinets.
- [ ] Test and clean the outdoor grill.
- [ ] Check and replace worn or missing weatherstripping.

MORE HELP

Free checklists and planners are in the Printables Vault, and my favorite organizing products are in my shop, at apersonalorganizer.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Filters _____

Detectors _____

Gutters _____

NOTES

My Spring Cleaning Plan

Give each area a day and a helper, then check it off when it's done.

MY PLAN

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