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# The Renter's Guide to End-of-Lease Cleaning.



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For most of us, the end-of-lease clean means finally facing up to the dreadful dust and mould patches you've spent the past year convincing yourself don't exist.

The Realest key to a successful clean up, is to do a little every day!

## Plan Ahead

Planning and listing your cleaning tasks that need to be completed before your end-of-lease is the most efficient and stress free method for a guaranteed happy Vendor and Agent.

Not only that, but making sure the property is in pristine condition is also your get out of jail free card to receiving all of your bond back!

As we all know and have heard of, trying to clean your entire property in one big hit is just like cramming all of your studying into the night before a test... It's a recipe for disaster!

You want to make sure, that amongst all of your other tasks you need to finalise before moving out, that your cleaning doesn't hold you back - and by that, we mean doesn't end up breaking your back!

The key to successfully cleaning and clearing out your property is getting into good habits weeks before your deadline. Set up a daily schedule and commit to cleaning a section of your property for 10 minutes at the same time every day.

## Be Thorough

Start with your bigger tasks and work your way down to the smaller and easier ones, that way you are not stuck with the time consuming jobs right at the end. We recommend cleaning your floors and walls is a good place to start.

You'll also want to pay extra attention to you kitchen appliances and areas that aren't usually a part of your usual weekly/fortnightly cleaning schedule.

Areas such as your front and backyard often get missed, so be sure to sweep or mop your outdoor areas. And don't forget the outside of your windows, as this will save you a lot of money if you were to hire a professional to complete!

## Move the Furniture

Handing over your rental property in the same condition you received it in is your guaranteed 'get out of jail free card'. This means cleaning under the furniture as these areas will definitely get checked by your Landlord.

Be sure to clean under your fridge, bed and couch, as well as anything else that can be moved out. Completing this tasks not only prevents you from losing your bond, but avoids build up of debris and mould which could potentially affect future tenancy. (Also, you might find some of your belongings that could have fallen or rolled under there!)

# Inside

Clean all windows as well as the tracks and blinds

Wipe clean all ledges including windows, skirting boards, top of doors, sliding tracks and blinds

Empty and wipe clean all cupboards and drawers

Wash all fly screens

Wipe down all walls and scrub off marks, fix dents/holes, remove cobwebs and repaint if necessary

Vacuum or sweep floors before mopping and steam clean carpet

Clean all appliances and furniture that was provided. It should be in the condition they were received in



# Kitchen



Remove food from sink drains and clean taps

Remove all dust and oil from the extractor fan

Clean all cooking areas including the oven, racks and stove top

Wipe down all surface areas and walls

Empty and wipe out all cupboards

Clean all oil marks on the exhaust hood, wash filters and ensure light is working

Remove all chemicals and wipe marks

Clean inside the dishwasher, including all racks, rubbers, and remove food from filter

Pull out the refrigerator and clean behind and underneath

# Outside

Clean and hose down all outside verandas/decks, remove cobwebs and clean any outdoor appliances

Wash and dry windows

Mow lawns, weed gardens, trim trees and sweep paved areas

Clean any animal mess and repair any damage

If you have a pool, clear debris from water and filter

Empty out the garage and clean any oil marks or dirt. Remove cobwebs and clean garage door

Wash and dry all rubbish bins



# Bathroom & Laundry

Clean all mirrors and remove wipe marks

Scrub and disinfect toilets including under the seat and around the outside of the bowl

Clean shower glass, taps and shower head. Remove mould from grout, mop floor and allow area to dry

Clean basin and drain, wipe down all bench tops, wall tiles and taps

Wipe down soap holders, towel rails, toilet paper holder and ceiling fan

