



Fall Cleaning Checklist

Prepare Your Home for the Colder Months

LIVING AREAS

- Dust and Clean Ceiling Fans:** Remove dust from blades and fixtures.
- Wash Windows and Window Treatments:** Clean inside and out; launder or vacuum curtains and blinds.
- Vacuum Upholstery:** Remove cushions and vacuum underneath.
- Deep Clean Carpets and Rugs:** Shampoo or steam clean to remove deep-seated dirt.
- Dust and Polish Furniture:** Wipe down surfaces and apply furniture polish.
- Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Replace batteries and test functionality.

KITCHEN

- Clean Oven and Stovetop:** Use a dedicated cleaner to remove grease and grime.
- Defrost and Clean Refrigerator and Freezer:** Discard expired items and wipe down shelves and drawers.
- Wipe Down Cabinets and Drawers:** Remove crumbs and debris.
- Clean Small Appliances:** Thoroughly clean the microwave, toaster, coffee maker, etc.
- Sanitize Trash Bins:** Wash and disinfect indoor and outdoor trash cans.

BEDROOMS

- Flip and Rotate Mattresses:** Extend mattress life and ensure even wear.
- Launder Bedding and Linens:** Wash comforters, duvets, blankets, and pillows.
- De-clutter Closets and Drawers:** Donate or store summer clothes, make room for winter wear.
- Vacuum and Dust Under Furniture:** Reach under beds and dressers.

BATHROOMS

- Deep Clean Showers and Bathtubs:** Scrub tiles, grout, and fixtures.
- Clean and Disinfect Toilets:** Pay attention to the base and surrounding areas.
- Wash Bath Mats and Shower Curtains:** Launder or replace if necessary.
- Organize Medicine Cabinets:** Dispose of expired medications and restock essentials.
- Wipe Down Counters and Mirrors:** Use glass cleaner for streak-free surfaces.

ENTRYWAYS AND HALLWAYS

- Clean Entryway Mats:** Shake out dirt and wash if possible.
- Sweep and Mop Floors:** Remove dirt and debris tracked in from outside.
- Organize Coat Closets:** Store away summer items, bring out coats, hats, and scarves.
- Wipe Down Doors and Knobs:** Sanitize handles and wipe down door surfaces.

EXTERIOR AND OUTDOOR AREAS

- Rake Leaves and Clean Gutters:** Prevent blockages and prepare for winter weather.
- Store Outdoor Furniture:** Clean and cover or store away to protect from elements.
- Check and Clean the Chimney:** Schedule a professional inspection and cleaning if needed.
- Inspect and Seal Windows and Doors:** Check for drafts and apply weather stripping where necessary.
- Pressure Wash Decks and Patios:** Remove dirt and prepare surfaces for winter.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Replace Air Filters:** Ensure HVAC systems run efficiently.
- Check Heating Systems:** Have your furnace or heating system serviced.
- Stock Up on Winter Supplies:** Have snow shovels, ice melt, and emergency kits ready.
- Inspect Insulation:** Check attic and walls for adequate insulation.