

FALL CLEANING CHECKLIST

DECLUTTER & ORGANIZE

LIVING ROOM

- Remove items that don't belong, like dishes or misplaced clothing.
- Donate or discard decor and furniture you no longer love or use.
- Organize remaining items by category: books, electronics, decor, etc.

BEDROOM

- Clear out anything that doesn't belong, such as dishes or paperwork.
- Sort through clothing and donate or discard items you don't wear.
- Organize clothes, shoes, and accessories; find a spot for each.

KITCHEN

- Remove expired food and broken or unused items.
- Donate or discard duplicate items.
- Organize by category: cookware, pantry items, utensils.

BATHROOM

- Discard expired toiletries or empty containers.
- Donate or discard products you don't use or need.
- Group items like toiletries, towels, and cleaning supplies.



PREPARE FOR WINTER

STORE SUMMER ITEMS

- Clean and dry summer clothing, then store in airtight containers or garment bags.
- Wash and store outdoor cushions, patio furniture covers, and pool accessories.
- Clean and cover or store outdoor grill, lawn mower, and gardening tools.
- Drain and store hoses to prevent freezing and cracking.

SWAP OUT WARDROBE

- Organize and store summer shoes, sandals, and lightweight jackets.
- Bring out cozy blankets, flannel sheets, and thicker bedding for cooler nights.
- Check and clean heavier jackets, sweaters, and scarves before wearing.
- Add moisture absorbers to closets where you store winter clothing to prevent mold and mildew.

WINTER GEAR

- Declutter your closet, donate or store clothes you don't wear
- Clean bedding, wash pillows, and comforters
- Dust surfaces like nightstands and dressers, vacuum floors





DEEP CLEAN

LIVING ROOM

- Dust and wipe down ceiling fans, light fixtures, and blinds.
- Vacuum and clean under furniture, including under couch cushions.
- Wash windows and wipe down window sills.
- Vacuum and shampoo rugs and carpets.

BEDROOM

- Wash and replace all bedding, including sheets and pillowcases.
- Flip or rotate the mattress, then vacuum it.
- Dust all surfaces, including nightstands and dressers.
- Vacuum under the bed and in corners.

KITCHEN

- Empty and clean the refrigerator, discarding expired items.
- Deep clean the oven and stovetop.
- Wipe down cabinets and handles to remove grease.
- Sweep and mop the kitchen floor.

BATHROOM

- Scrub the tub, shower, and tiles to remove soap scum.
- Clean the toilet thoroughly, including the base.
- Wipe down and disinfect sink, faucet, and mirror.
- Sweep and mop the floor, focusing on grout and edges.



MAINTAIN A CLUTTER-FREE HOME

ESTABLISH NEW RULES

- Adopt a “one in, one out” rule:** For every new item brought into the home, remove an old one.
- Spend a few minutes each day tidying up:** Small daily efforts can prevent clutter from building up.
- Create a donation bin:** Keep it accessible, and regularly add items you no longer need.
- Regularly review and edit your belongings:** Go through items like clothes, books, and kitchen gadgets, and let go of anything unused.
- Establish “clutter-free zones”:** Designate certain areas, like the kitchen counter or coffee table, as clutter-free and keep them clear at all times.
- Organize mail and paperwork immediately:** Sort through mail daily, and file or recycle as needed to avoid paper piles.
- Keep flat surfaces clear:** Limit the number of items on countertops, tables, and desks for a tidy look.
- Digitize important documents and photos:** Reduce physical clutter by storing files and photos digitally.

Keep this checklist handy as you work through each room. Decluttering seasonally will help keep your home cozy, clutter-free, and ready for winter!