

End-of-Tenancy Checklist

A room-by-room move-out cleaning checklist for landlords, agents and tenants.

An end-of-tenancy clean needs to bring a property back to the standard set out in the check-in inventory — not just "tidy" but genuinely clean in every room, including areas that are easy to miss. This checklist covers a typical residential property room by room, useful for tenants preparing to move out and for agents or landlords checking a contractor's work.

Download the checklist

A room-by-room printable checklist covering kitchen, bathroom, bedrooms, living areas and general property tasks.

Kitchen

- Oven interior and exterior, including racks, degreased
- Hob, extractor fan/filter and splashback degreased
- Fridge/freezer interior cleaned and defrosted (door left ajar if empty)
- Cupboards and drawers wiped inside and out
- Worktops, sink and taps descaled and disinfected
- Floor mopped, including behind/under movable appliances where accessible

Bathroom(s)

- WC, cistern and seat cleaned and disinfected
- Bath/shower, screen and tiles descaled, mould-treated where present
- Basin, taps and mirror cleaned and polished
- Extractor fan grille dusted
- Floor mopped and grouting checked

Bedrooms and living areas

- Carpets vacuumed (professionally cleaned if the tenancy agreement requires it)
- Skirting boards, window sills and radiators dusted
- Wardrobes, shelving and cupboards wiped inside and out
- Light fittings and switches dusted/cleaned
- Windows cleaned internally; marks removed from doors and walls where possible

Whole-property/general

- All bins emptied and left clean
- Cobwebs removed from ceilings and corners
- Mirrors and glass throughout streak-free
- Hallway/stairs vacuumed or mopped

- Outside space (yard, balcony) cleared of rubbish if included in the tenancy
- Meter readings and keys handover noted separately (not a cleaning task, but commonly checked at the same time)

Evidence for deposit disputes

Photograph each room before handing back keys, dated, alongside this checklist — this is the single most useful thing either party can do if a deposit deduction is later disputed via a tenancy deposit scheme.

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