

Ultimate Fall Cleaning Checklist

Prepare your home for the colder months

Whole House

- Close and inspect windows for drafts
- Clean windows and window tracks
- Wash and store summer fabrics (light blankets, curtains)
- Replace with heavier curtains and cozy blankets
- Dust ceiling fans and reverse their direction (clockwise)
- Vacuum and deep-clean carpets and rugs
- Wipe down baseboards and doorframes
- Change air filters and clean vents
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Declutter and donate unused items before the holidays

Living Room

- Wash throws and pillow covers
- Vacuum couch cushions and under furniture
- Dust shelves, electronics, and decorations
- Wipe down remote controls, switch plates, and lamps
- Bring out seasonal decorations (pumpkins, candles, cozy accents)

Bedrooms

- Swap out summer bedding for warmer blankets or flannel sheets
- Rotate mattress and vacuum both sides
- Dust under the bed and behind furniture
- Wash pillows and mattress protectors
- Organize seasonal clothing (store summer, bring out fall/winter)

Bathroom

- Scrub tub, toilet, sink, and fixtures
- Clean and disinfect grout and tile
- Wash shower curtain and replace liner
- Deep-clean behind the toilet and under the sink
- Stock up on cold-weather toiletries (extra soap, tissues, lotion)
- Wash bath mats and towels

Kitchen

- Clean and organize pantry
- Wipe down cabinets and appliances
- Clean oven and stovetop
- Sanitize sink and garbage disposal
- Clean refrigerator and freezer (defrost if needed)
- Discard expired condiments and foods
- Wipe down light switches and knobs
- Wipe cabinet doors and handles
- Degrease the top of cabinets
- Clean and disinfect countertops and backsplash

Laundry Room

- Clean lint trap and dryer vent
- Wipe down washer and dryer exteriors
- Organize laundry products and discard empty containers
- Vacuum behind and under machines
- Check and clean sink or utility tub

Entryway & Hallways

- Sweep entryway and shake out rugs
- Organize shoes, coats, and umbrellas
- Set up a designated space for muddy boots or wet gear
- Store away summer gear and bring out winter accessories
- Clean entry door (inside and out)

Garage / Storage Areas

- Sweep and organize shelves
- Clean and inspect tools
- Donate or discard unused items
- Check for pest signs
- Organize seasonal decorations and gear

Outdoor Areas (if applicable)

- Clean patio furniture
- Sweep porch and walkways
- Clean outdoor light fixtures
- Check gutters and downspouts
- Power wash siding or deck
- Trim hedges, mow lawn
- Replace or refill planters

Pro Tips

- Maximize efficiency
- Tackle one room at a time
- Involve the whole household
- Put on a playlist to keep motivation high
- Crack open some windows
- Clean before decorating so your fall decor shines