

## Ultimate Holiday Cleaning Checklist

Prepare your home for the holiday season

### Whole House

- Dust ceiling fans, light fixtures, and corners
- Wipe down walls, doors, and baseboards
- Wash windows and spot-clean glass
- Vacuum and mop all floors
- Deep-clean carpets or rugs
- Polish mirrors and decorative glass
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces (doorknobs, remotes, switches)
- Wash or refresh curtains and blinds
- Replace air filters and freshen air with natural sprays or diffusers
- Check lightbulbs (replace burnt-out ones)

### Living Room / Family Room

- Dust shelves, picture frames, and decorations
- Vacuum furniture and under cushions
- Spot-clean upholstery and pillows
- Clean TV screens and entertainment centers
- Organize media, books, or board games
- Add cozy touches (blankets, candles, seasonal pillows)

### Guest Rooms (or Bedrooms)

- Wash all bedding (sheets, duvets, blankets)
- Dust furniture and lamps
- Clean under beds and in corners
- Empty and wipe down drawers or closet space
- Set out clean towels and toiletries for guests
- Add nightlights, tissues, and extra pillows
- Add festive or cozy touches (seasonal scent, blanket, mini wreath)

### Bathrooms

- Scrub toilet, sink, tub, and shower
- Clean grout and polish fixtures
- Restock toilet paper, soap, and clean towels
- Empty and disinfect trash bin
- Clean mirrors and vanity surfaces
- Add a festive hand towel or air freshener

## Kitchen

- Deep-clean countertops and backsplash
- Wipe cabinet doors and handles
- Clean inside fridge and discard old items
- Clean oven and stovetop
- Sanitize sink and faucet
- Empty trash and disinfect bin
- Restock pantry staples (flour, sugar, spices)
- Run dishwasher cleaner cycle
- Polish silverware or special serving dishes
- Set aside clean table linens or napkins

## Dining Room

- Dust table, chairs, and light fixtures
- Clean placemats and tablecloths
- Polish glassware, flatware, and serving dishes
- Wipe down china cabinets or buffets
- Decorate centerpiece or table for the holidays

## Laundry / Utility Area

- Catch up on laundry before guests arrive
- Clean washing machine and dryer lint trap
- Organize laundry supplies
- Iron or steam guest linens and tablecloths

## Entryway & Hall

- Sweep or vacuum floors
- Clean doormat or shake out rug
- Wipe front door (inside and out)
- Organize shoes, coats, and bags
- Add a festive welcome mat or wreath

## Holiday Prep

- Clear space for incoming gifts or decorations
- Set up gift-wrapping station
- Store away non-seasonal items to reduce clutter
- Clean surfaces where holiday décor will go
- Make space in fridge/freezer for holiday cooking
- Prep guest sleeping arrangements (airbeds, blankets)

### **Holiday Cleaning Tips**

- Clean early to reduce stress
- Use seasonal scents (cinnamon, pine, citrus)
- Set a holiday playlist while cleaning
- Light candles or simmer potpourri when guests arrive
- Involve kids or family with age-appropriate tasks

**Happy Holidays!**