

Ultimate Winter Cleaning Checklist

Winter is the time for cozy and tidy indoor living

Whole House

- Dust and wipe down baseboards and corners
- Vacuum under and behind furniture
- Clean and disinfect doorknobs, light switches, and remotes
- Wash windows (inside) and clean window sills
- Add weather stripping or insulation to drafty windows
- Clean vents and replace HVAC filters
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Rotate and fluff rugs and cushions
- Run an air purifier or open windows briefly for ventilation
- Declutter and donate unused items before the holidays

Living Room

- Vacuum and rotate furniture cushions
- Wash or freshen up throws and pillow covers
- Dust shelves, baseboards, and electronics
- Clean TV screen and remote controls
- Check and maintain fireplace if you have one
- Bring out seasonal decorations

Bedrooms

- Swap bedding to warm layers (flannel, duvets)
- Rotate or flip mattresses
- Vacuum mattress and under the bed
- Wash pillows, mattress covers, and throws
- Clean and organize closet (store away fall/summer items)
- Add cozy touches like extra blankets or fairy lights

Bathroom

- Clean and disinfect toilet, sink, tub, and shower
- Descale showerhead and faucets
- Wash bathroom rugs and towels
- Wipe down mirrors, drawers, and cabinet doors
- Restock cold-season essentials (tissues, hand soap, lotion)
- Add a warm scent (e.g., eucalyptus, vanilla, pine)

Kitchen

- Deep-clean oven, stove, and microwave
- Clean out refrigerator and freezer (defrost if needed)
- Wipe inside kitchen cabinets and pantry shelves
- Discard expired foods and restock winter pantry staples
- Clean sink drain and garbage disposal
- Sanitize countertops and cabinet handles
- Polish silverware or serving pieces for holiday meals

Laundry Room

- Clean lint trap and dryer vent thoroughly
- Wipe washer and dryer exteriors
- Organize laundry supplies
- Stock up on cold-weather cleaning products (antibacterial wipes, hand sanitizer)
- Check and clean sink or utility tub

Entryway & Hallways

- Shake out or wash winter doormats
- Organize boots, coats, scarves, and gloves
- Set up shoe tray or boot storage
- Check salt, shovel, or winter gear if you're in a snowy area
- Clean entry door (inside and out)

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
- Add humidifiers to combat dry air during heating season
- Put on a playlist to keep motivation high