



Spring Cleaning Checklist:

Basic cleaning recipes: **General, Floors, Carpets**

Entryway:

- Remove furniture pieces, wipe them down and clean
- Wash mirrors/ wipe down frames with damp rag
- Wipe down any wall décor
- Organize and label keys
- Wipe switch plates, as well as the doors

Living Areas:

- Move things and wipe down all baseboards with damp rag (Take note of any areas that need touch up work) **These** work great for scuffs as well
- Change rags often to keep from spreading dust
- Wipe all wall frames with damp cloth
- Vacuum ceiling fans well and dust with pledge, check light bulbs if replacements needed
- Wash interior window- Start by vacuuming sills, washing them with soapy water. Use vinegar and water solution to clean windows, drying with crumpled newspapers or rags.
- If needed, lubricate window tracks
- Take down outer screens, clean with a fine hose spray and soapy water (Note any areas that need to be patched)
- While screens are drying, clean outer windows
- Clean wood floors, **here** is a recipe
- If there is carpet, use steam cleaner
- Wipe all switch plates down with cleaner
- Vacuum and clean out between and under furniture cushions
- If needed, spot clean or wash cases for throw pillows
- Dust lamp shades with fresh damp cloth, and (unplugged) the lamp fixture
- If leather, wipe backs of couches with damp cloth
- Dust shelves completely, removing items, and getting the tops
- Vacuum behind the entertainment center, carefully wiping down the TV in the front and back
- Empty out and vacuum and baskets/containers
- Take curtains outside, shake well and put in dryer on tumble dry for a few minutes. Spray with Febreze, and rehang

- Clean out any drawers, organize easily and cheaply with ideas from **here**

Linen and Coat Closets:

- Pull all stuff out and vacuum
- Sort shoes and coats, get rid of outgrown things and organize what's left
- Wipe down the baseboards
- Organize and label supplies, **here is** what I did (Another big job but was worth it)

Kitchen:

- Clean and vacuum tops of cabinets
- Wipe out and organize cupboards, purge where necessary
- Wipe down the cupboard fronts
- Empty drawers and clean out crumbs
- Clean inside of microwave, here is an easy tip
- Wash down appliance fronts
- Empty and clean out the inside of fridge
- Check freezer, organize with **these** ideas
- Organize pantry, check food dates
- Wipe down all baseboards
- Vacuum behind fridge
- Clean light fixtures
- Wash interior window- Start by vacuuming sills, washing them with soapy water. Use vinegar and water solution to clean windows, drying with crumpled newspapers or rags.
- If needed, lubricate window tracks
- Take down outer screens, clean with a fine hose spray and soapy water (Note any areas that need to be patched)
- Wipe down any vents
- Take curtains outside, shake well and put in dryer on tumble dry for a few minutes. Spray with Febreze, and rehang
- Wash trashcans
- Clean out dishwasher , ideas are **here**
- Wipe all switch plates down with cleaner
- Mop, making sure to get the corners under cabinets
- Clean disposal

Miscellaneous:

- Clean out water heater closet, check for needed maintenance
- Check light bulbs, take note of what is needed
- Notice areas that need touch up paint or minor repair work

Stairs and Landings:

- Vacuum well, especially along edges
- Wash banisters and railings
- Wipe baseboards and switch plates

Bathrooms:

- Clean cabinets fronts, I use **this**
- Empty and vacuum out cabinets, organize
- Scrub toilet, (Borax works great), checking seals etc. for needed repairs
- Wash trashcans
- Scrub tub and wipe along shower inset, check for needed caulking
- Wipe down décor with damp cloth
- Wipe switch plates
- Wash down baseboards
- Clean mirrors and wipe light fixtures
- Clean air vents, **here** is an idea
- Wash the shower curtains, replace liners if needed

Laundry Areas:

- Check for leaks
- Wash appliances
- Run **refreshing** cycle for washer
- Check lint trap and the hose connected to wall (ours had MAJOR lint, **potential for fire**, and we empty the trap often)
- Wipe baseboards
- Organize cleaning supplies
- Wipe down any vents

Bedrooms:

- Wipe down and clean ceiling fans, dust
- Clean carpets with steam cleaner
- Vacuum and dust all shelves
- Wash interior window- Start by vacuuming sills, washing them with soapy water. Use vinegar and water solution to clean windows, drying with crumpled newspapers or rags.
- If needed, lubricate window tracks
- Take down outer screens, clean with a fine hose spray and soapy water (Note any areas that need to be patched)
- For kids, get rid of toys that aren't used
- Shake out rugs
- Vacuum under beds and between mattresses

- Wash all bedding

Closets:

- Empty closet if possible, *I know this is a big job, I was overwhelmed but really glad once I saw how dirty it was). Vacuum well, and wipe down any shelves
- Organize clothes and donate what doesn't fit, doesn't match, etc.