Spring Cleaning Checklist: Room-by-Room

"Homemaking is surely in reality the most important work in the world." - C.S. Lewis

Entryway

- \Box Remove and clean furniture
- \Box Wash mirrors and frames
- □ Wipe down wall décor
- □ Organize and label keys
- \Box Wipe switch plates and doors

Living Areas

- \Box Wipe baseboards with a damp cloth
- □ Change rags often to avoid spreading dust
- \Box Clean all wall frames
- □ Vacuum and dust ceiling fans
- \Box Check and replace light bulbs
- □ Clean interior windows (vacuum sills, wash with soapy water, vinegar solution on glass)
- □ Lubricate window tracks if needed
- □ Remove and wash window screens
- □ Clean outer windows while screens dry
- \Box Clean wood floors or steam-clean carpet
- \Box Wipe switch plates
- \Box Clean between and under couch cushions
- \Box Wash throw pillow covers
- Dust lampshades and wipe lamp bases (unplug first)
- □ Wipe down and condition leather furniture if needed
- □ Dust shelves thoroughly, including tops
- □ Vacuum behind entertainment center
- □ Wipe down TV front and back
- Empty and vacuum containers or baskets
- □ Clean and freshen curtains (shake out, tumble dry, spray with fabric refresher)
- □ Declutter and organize drawers
- □ Deep clean hidden closets
- □ Vacuum and wipe down closet interiors

 \Box Sort and donate unused shoes or coats

 \Box Organize and label supplies

Kitchen

- \Box Vacuum tops of cabinets
- \Box Wipe out cupboards and purge extras
- \Box Clean cupboard fronts
- □ Empty drawers and clean crumbs
- □ Clean microwave interior
- \Box Wipe down appliance fronts
- □ Empty and clean fridge
- \Box Organize freezer
- □ Organize pantry and check food dates
- \Box Wipe kitchen baseboards
- \Box Vacuum behind fridge
- \Box Clean light fixtures
- \Box Wash interior windows and window tracks
- □ Clean window screens and outer panes
- \Box Wipe down air vents
- \Box Clean and freshen curtains
- \Box Wash trash cans
- \Box Clean dishwasher interior
- \Box Wipe switch plates
- □ Mop floors (get corners and under cabinets)
- \Box Clean garbage disposal

Forgotten Spots

- \Box Clean water heater closet
- □ Check for minor repairs and touch-up paint
- \Box Replace needed light bulbs
- □ Disinfect computer keyboards and phones
- □ Empty and vacuum closets
- \Box Wipe down closet shelves
- \Box Organize clothes and donate what no longer fits or is worn

"Few things we can do in this world are so well worth doing as the making of a beautiful and happy home." – J.R. Miller

Stairs and Landings

- □ Vacuum well, especially edges
- □ Wash banisters and railings
- \Box Wipe baseboards and switch plates
- \Box Spot clean carpet

Bathrooms

- \Box Sanitize cabinet fronts
- □ Empty and vacuum cabinets
- \Box Organize bathroom storage
- □ Scrub toilet and check for needed repairs
- \Box Wash trash cans
- \Box Scrub tub and shower
- □ Check caulking and reapply if needed
- □ Wipe décor and switch plates
- \Box Clean baseboards
- □ Clean mirrors and light fixtures
- \Box Clean vents
- □ Wash or replace shower curtains and liners

Laundry Room

- \Box Check for leaks
- \Box Clean washer and dryer
- \Box Run washer cleaning cycle
- \Box Clean lint trap and wall hose
- \Box Wipe down baseboards
- □ Organize cleaning supplies
- \Box Wipe down vents

"The humblest tasks get beautified if loving hands do them." - Louisa May Alcott

Bedrooms

 \Box Dust and wipe ceiling fans

- \Box Steam clean carpets
- \Box Dust shelves
- □ Clean windows and window tracks
- \Box Clean screens and outer windows
- □ Sanitize and declutter kids' toys
- \Box Shake out rugs
- \Box Vacuum under beds and between mattresses
- \Box Wash bedding
- \Box Refresh or replace linens if needed

While you're here—pause and consider: Is it time to invest a little more restoration into this room? Think cozy, romantic, restful. Your bedroom is where each new day begins and ends.

"Housework forms part of the basic patterning of our lives, a kind of litany of everyday life." – Margaret Kim Peterson