

Spring Cleaning Checklist

Whole House

- Check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Wipe off all electrical outlets and light switches
- Clean baseboards and door frames
- Wipe down all doors and handles
- Clean ceiling fan blades and switch fan direction to counter clockwise
- Dust chandeliers and pendant lights
- Wipe out sills and clean tracks for laterally sliding windows and doors
- Clean windows and sliding doors
- Check ceiling corners for cobwebs
- Clean drapes/curtains/valances with the hand wand on your vacuum (or call Max I. Walker to pick them up for a professional cleaning), and clean blinds
- Dust picture frames and clean glass
- Spot clean or shampoo carpets and rugs
- Use tape or a lint roller to remove dust from lampshades
- Clean register covers and air intake vents

Bathrooms/Laundry Room

- Clean mirrors, counter tops, sinks
- Pull out and clean drain stops
- Scrub and polish faucets
- Dust and clean vanity lights
- Wipe down/dust towel racks
- Clean base of toilet and the floor behind it
- Scrub both inside and outside of tub/shower
- Wash floor rugs
- Go through medicine cabinet and toiletries; safely dispose of expired items
- Wipe down fronts of all cabinets, and undersides of upper cabinets
- Pull items from drawers and cabinets, vacuum/wipe insides
- Move and clean under and behind washing machine and dryer
- Clean inside of washing machine
- Clean dryer lint traps and exhaust duct

Garage/Outdoors

- Organize garage and decide what needs to go
- Sweep or vacuum garage floor, deck/patio, driveway, sidewalks
- Trim back dead foliage from last season
- Clean out flower beds, replace mulch if necessary
- Check sprinklers, repair if necessary
- Replace any burnt out outdoor light bulbs
- Fertilize grass and plants

Kitchen/Dining Area

- Wipe down fronts of all cabinets, and undersides of upper cabinets
- Vacuum tops of upper cabinets, dust knickknacks
- Scrub entire backsplash
- Pull out stove and wipe down wall behind it
- Clean exhaust vent above stove
- Clean microwave inside and out
- Pull everything out of fridge and freezer, wipe shelves and drawers, throw away/consolidate food items
- Throw out old spices and pantry items
- Move fridge out and clean floor/wall(s), vacuum coils on back of fridge
- Go through plastic storage containers and throw anything away that is stained or marred (lids too)
- Pull items from drawers and cabinets, vacuum/wipe insides
- Organize items under kitchen sink and throw out what you don't use
- Dust/wipe down stool, chair and table legs

Living Areas/Family Room

- Clean fireplace and schedule chimney sweep if necessary
- Wipe down houseplant containers/pull out dead foliage
- Take winter coats in for dry cleaning before storing for the summer
- Dust knickknacks and the shelves they live on
- Clean TV (front and back) and electronics, dust the nest of cables behind entertainment center
- Wax or polish wood furniture
- Beat area rugs outside, to remove salt and sand

Bedroom

- Rotate mattress and vacuum under bed
- Wash protective mattress and pillow covers
- Dust furniture (don't forget the tops of tall items)
- Organize closet and decide what needs to go
- Dry clean sweaters and winter clothes before storing in a breathable container for the summer

Office

- Organize paperwork and shred old documents
- Clean computer, keyboard and mouse
- Dust desk, books and shelves
- Pull items from drawers and cabinets, vacuum/wipe insides