

Printable Move-Out Cleaning Checklist for Renters

A room-by-room checklist for renters in Allen, Plano, McKinney, Frisco, and North Texas who want a cleaner final walkthrough and fewer last-minute surprises.

Important renter note

This checklist is informational and does not replace your lease, HOA rules, property manager instructions, or real estate contract requirements. Always review your specific move-out instructions before returning keys.

How to use it

Print this checklist, start with the kitchen and bathrooms, then finish visible surfaces, floors, and final walkthrough prep.

Best timing

Begin once the home is mostly empty. Cleaning around boxes or furniture usually creates missed areas and extra work.

Deposit protection habit

Take dated photos of each finished room before keys are returned. Save move-in photos and move-out photos together.

When to call a pro

If you are moving, working, packing, or coordinating movers at the same time, professional move-out cleaning can help you finish the checklist faster.

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Use the following pages as your room-by-room move-out cleaning map. For the cleanest final walkthrough, complete the checklist after movers leave and before keys are returned.

Room-by-Room Move-Out Cleaning Checklist

Use the boxes below as a practical final walkthrough tool. Check your lease first, then use this as your cleaning map.

Kitchen

Clean inside the oven, oven door, racks, and visible baked-on spills.

Clean stovetop, burner rings, drip pans, knobs, and range hood exterior.

Wipe range hood filter or replace it if your lease requires it.

Clean inside, outside, top, and sides of the refrigerator.

Pull refrigerator forward carefully if allowed and sweep behind it.

Empty and wipe every cabinet, drawer, shelf, and handle.

Clean countertops, backsplash, sink basin, faucet, and disposal splash guard.

Clean microwave interior, turntable, exterior, and handle.

Run and wipe dishwasher interior, door edges, and filter area if accessible.

Bathrooms

Scrub tub, shower walls, shower floor, doors, tracks, and grout lines.

Clean toilet bowl, tank, lid, seat, base, bolts, and floor behind toilet.

Wipe vanity exterior, drawers, shelves, handles, and cabinet interior.

Clean sink basin, faucet, drain area, backsplash, and counter.

Clean mirrors, medicine cabinet, light switches, and outlet covers.

Remove hair from drains, corners, baseboards, and floor edges.

Dust vent covers, exhaust fan covers, and visible light fixtures.

Whole-Home Checklist

These are the items most renters forget because they are not obvious until the unit is empty.

Bedrooms, Living Areas & Closets

- Dust ceiling fans, fan blades, light fixtures, and lamp shades if present.
- Wipe baseboards, door frames, doors, trim, and closet tracks.
- Clean window sills, blinds, ledges, and window tracks.
- Wipe light switches, outlet covers, thermostats, and high-touch areas.
- Remove cobwebs from corners, ceilings, entryways, and closets.
- Vacuum closet shelves, rods, floors, and corners.
- Spot-wipe scuffs on walls where safe for the paint finish.

Laundry, Entry, Garage & Patio

- Wipe washer and dryer exterior if appliances are included.
- Clean laundry shelf, lint area, wall marks, and floor behind machines if accessible.
- Remove trash, hangers, boxes, cords, and personal items.
- Sweep garage, storage closet, balcony, or patio if included in lease.
- Clean entry door, doorbell area, and threshold.

Floors & Final Surface Cleaning

- Vacuum all carpet edges, corners, closet floors, and traffic paths.
- Mop hard floors after vacuuming or sweeping first.
- Clean under appliances where accessible and safe.
- Remove sticky spots, visible spills, and residue from flooring.
- Check lease requirements for professional carpet cleaning receipts.
- Clean stairs, landings, transitions, and floor edges.
- Remove all dust bunnies, pet hair, and debris behind doors.

Final Walkthrough Prep

- Walk every room with your lease move-out instructions in hand.
- Open every cabinet, drawer, closet, and appliance one last time.
- Remove every trash bag, cleaning supply, and leftover item.
- Take dated photos of kitchen, bathrooms, floors, appliances, and closets.
- Save photos, receipts, and communication with property manager.
- Return keys, remotes, access cards, and parking permits as instructed.

Deposit-Smart Move-Out Notes

Cleaning is only one part of a successful move-out. Documentation and timing matter too.

Compare against your move-in sheet
Look for areas already documented when you moved in. Old damage and normal wear should be separated from cleaning issues.

Photograph the right areas
Get clear photos of appliances, inside cabinets, bathrooms, floors, closets, windows, and entry areas.

Do not forget smells
Trash, pet odor, fridge odor, food residue, and bathroom buildup can affect how clean the home feels during walkthrough.

Ask before patching or painting
Some leases require specific paint, repair processes, or written approval before touch-ups.

Keep cleaning receipts
If your lease requires carpet or professional cleaning, keep copies of receipts and confirmations.

Clean after movers leave
The best final clean happens when the home is empty and utilities are still on.

Need help finishing the checklist?

Maid in Allen TX offers move-out cleaning for Allen-area renters, homeowners, and property transitions. We help with kitchens, bathrooms, floors, appliance interiors, dust, pet hair, and final walkthrough cleaning so you can focus on the move.

Move-out cleaning help in Allen, TX

Request a move-out cleaning quote before you return keys.

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