



Santa's Holiday Cleaning Checklist

Entryway & Hallway

- ☐ Shake out or vacuum doormats
- ☐ Sweep or mop entryway floors
- ☐ Wipe front door (inside and outside if possible)
- ☐ Clean door handles and light switches
- ☐ Tidy shoes, boots, and umbrellas
- ☐ Hang or fold coats neatly
- ☐ Clear and wipe any entry table or shelf
- ☐ Remove old mail, flyers, and packages
- ☐ Set out a mat or tray for wet boots

Living Room / Family Room

- ☐ Pick up toys, games, and clutter
- ☐ Clear and wipe coffee table and side tables
- ☐ Dust TV, TV stand, and remotes
- ☐ Dust shelves, pictures, and decor
- ☐ Dust around and under the Christmas tree
- ☐ Vacuum or sweep around the seating and the tree

- ☐ Fluff pillows and straighten cushions
- ☐ Fold blankets and throws
- ☐ Empty any small garbage or recycling bins

Dining Area

- ☐ Clear dining table of non-holiday items
- ☐ Wipe the dining table and chairs
- ☐ Dust the light fixture or chandelier
- ☐ Clean placemats or table runner
- ☐ Vacuum or sweep under the table
- ☐ Wipe cabinet or buffet surfaces
- ☐ Check and clean chair seats for crumbs

Kitchen - Surfaces & Appliances

- ☐ Clear countertops of mail and random items
- ☐ Wipe countertops and backsplash
- ☐ Wipe cabinet doors at eye level and around handles
- ☐ Clean stove top (burners, grates, or glass top)
- ☐ Wipe the front of the oven and fridge
- ☐ Wipe the microwave handle and keypad
- ☐ Clean inside microwave (quick wipe)
- ☐ Wipe the dishwasher front and handle
- ☐ Polish sink and faucet

Kitchen - Holiday Prep

- ☐ Empty garbage, recycling, and compost
- ☐ Replace liners in garbage and recycling bins
- ☐ Run and empty the dishwasher
- ☐ Clear space in the fridge for party food and leftovers
- ☐ Wipe any sticky fridge shelves or drawers
- ☐ Wash and dry serving dishes or platters
- ☐ Set out clean dish towels and cloths

Guest Bathroom / Main Bathroom

- ☐ Scrub toilet (bowl, seat, and base)
- ☐ Clean the sink and faucet
- ☐ Wipe the vanity top and backsplash
- ☐ Clean mirror
- ☐ Wipe light switches and door handles

- ☐ Clean the shower or tub, and guests may use it
- ☐ Sweep and mop the bathroom floor
- ☐ Empty bathroom garbage
- ☐ Put out fresh hand towels
- ☐ Refill soap, toilet paper, and tissues

Guest Bedroom (If Needed)

- ☐ Change bed linens and pillowcases
- ☐ Dust bedside tables and lamps
- ☐ Vacuum floors or rugs
- ☐ Clear a surface for guests' belongings
- ☐ Make space in the closet or drawers
- ☐ Check under the bed for dust and clutter
- ☐ Add an extra blanket or pillow

Whole-Home Touch-Ups

- ☐ Dust baseboards in high-traffic areas
- ☐ Dust stair railings and banisters
- ☐ Wipe high-touch switches and door handles
- ☐ Vacuum the main hallways and stairs
- ☐ Wipe smudges on interior doors and glass
- ☐ Spot-clean visible fingerprints on walls

Finishing Festive Touches

- ☐ Straighten decorations and ornaments
- ☐ Remove broken or tired-looking decor
- ☐ Light a candle or use a safe diffuser
- ☐ Fluff pillows and fold blankets one last time
- ☐ Put on a holiday playlist

Post-Holiday Reset

- ☐ Gather wrapping paper and packaging
- ☐ Sort recycling from garbage
- ☐ Pack decorations into labelled bins
- ☐ Take down outdoor decor safely
- ☐ Vacuum or sweep the main rooms
- ☐ Wash holiday table linens and towels
- ☐ Wipe the dining table and key surfaces again
- ☐ Do a quick bathroom and kitchen refresh for the new year