



## Detailed Move Out Cleaning & Expectations Checklist

**THIS Move Out Cleaning Checklist** contains **AREA-BY-AREA** expectations of cleanliness and property condition .

The **Primary Move Out Guidelines** contain vital Move Out Related procedures for **ALL Move Outs**.

### **WHOLE HOUSE & Yard:**

- Remove all of your personal belongings.
- Remove all trash from the home and yard.
  - Leave no garbage, furniture, or bulk items at the street.
  - Leave no garbage, furniture, or bulk items in the dumpster, for multi-unit homes with a community dumpster.
  - Leave no trash or recyclables in exterior bins at the home.
    - Unfortunately DPM cannot be responsible to roll those to the curb.
- All Smoke & CO2 alarms must be operational; replace batteries as necessary.
- Clean fireplace, hearth, and mantle (if present).
- Change HVAC air filter(s).
- Clean all air vents and registers.

### **Walls and Ceilings - WHOLE HOUSE:**

- Remove any dust from walls, ceilings and A/C vents.
  - Do not use Magic Eraser on walls, as it leaves residue and can create a more expensive repair.
- Do not paint or spackle.
- Clean all wall switch plates and outlet covers.

### **Light Fixtures and Ceiling Fans - WHOLE HOUSE:**

- Lightly dust the ceiling around the light or ceiling fan to clear dust from that area.
- Clean all fixtures, globes, etc. inside and out.
- Clean ceiling fan blades (top and bottom) as well as the base of the fans.
- Ensure that each fixture has the correct type of bulb in it, and that the bulbs match in appearance. (Wattage, dimmer, flood light bulbs, etc – whatever is appropriate for the fixture.)

## **Doors - WHOLE HOUSE:**

- Clean inside and outside of all doors.
  - Including exterior doors, interior, and closet doors.

## **Windows, and Glass Patio Doors - WHOLE HOUSE:**

- Clean the inside of windows, and outside of any windows reachable without a ladder.
- Clean glass doors inside and out.
- Clean door frames, window sills, sliding door channels, tracks, and screens.
- Clean all window treatments including but not limited to blinds, curtain rods, and valances.

## **Floors and Baseboards - WHOLE HOUSE:**

- Sweep, clean and wash all vinyl, linoleum, laminate, and hardwood floors per manufacturer directions.
- Vacuum all carpeting in preparation for professional carpet cleaning, which is a Tenant responsibility. (See Primary Move Out Guidelines.)
- Clean all baseboards.

## **KITCHEN:**

- **Cabinets, Drawers, & Counters:**
  - Clean both sides of cabinet doors and drawer faces.
  - Wash cabinets inside and out.
  - Wipe out drawers with damp cloth.
  - Clean and disinfect countertops.
- **Sink & Disposal:**
  - Clean sink, drain and fixtures.
  - Clean backsplash.
  - Disposal should be in working order.
- **Dishwasher:**
  - Clean outside and inside of dishwasher if necessary.
- **Oven:**
  - Clean oven inside and out, and remove any ashes.
    - Do not use cleaner in a self-cleaning oven.
  - Wipe clean the oven drawer, inside and outside.
- **Range / Range Hood / Microwave:**
  - For glass cooktops, clean and polish the cooktop.
  - For non glass-top ranges, clean all metal parts of burners, including the prongs of electrical cooking elements, and replace drip pans.
  - Clean the controls/knobs for the range and oven.
  - Remove, wash, and dry the filter from the vent hood.
  - Clean the vent hood (on top and underneath).
  - Pull freestanding electric ranges away from the wall to clean the floor, the wall, and sides of the range.
    - DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PULL GAS RANGES AWAY FROM THE WALL. Clean the floor under the gas range by removing the drawer.
  - Clean the microwave inside and out

- **Refrigerator:**
  - Remove all food.
  - Unplug refrigerator while cleaning. Then plug it back in after it's clean and dried.
  - Clean inside thoroughly with a disinfectant cleanser or warm water, cleaning both sides of shelves, storage compartments, and drawers.
    - All should be completely free of mildew and grime.
  - Freezer should be defrosted and clean.
  - Turn off icemaker, empty any existing ice, clean the ice tray, and leave the icemaker OFF.
    - If the fridge has a water dispense with filter, the filter should not be expired.
  - On the outside of the fridge:
    - Clean the outside - front and sides.
    - Pull the fridge out from the wall to dust or clean walls.
    - Vacuum the coils and clean the drop pan.

#### **BATHROOMS:**

- **Mirrors and glass:**
  - Clean all mirrors and glass doors so they are streak-free, and free of dirt and build up.
- **Sinks:**
  - Clean sink, drain, & fixtures.
- **Toilets:**
  - Thoroughly clean with disinfectant.
  - Scrub toilet clean of all stains and limescale.
- **Showers & Tubs:**
  - Clean shower walls, bathtub interiors and shower doors.
  - Bleach and grout if needed.
  - Clean shower doors completely.
  - Remove any shower curtains or shower hooks.

#### **LAUNDRY AREA:**

- If washer/dryer were included with the Lease, wipe down appliances inside and out & clean out the dryer lint trap.

#### **Garage / Storage:**

- Sweep or vacuum out the area, clearing out all trash, boxes, and debris.
- Remove all cobwebs, dust, and debris around garage door, walls, and rafters.
- Clean all closets, storage spaces, and shelving of dust and debris.

#### **Yard:**

- Clean exterior light fixtures and ensure all bulbs are functional, appropriate to the fixture, and matching in appearance.
- Sweep balconies, patios, and storage closets.
- Remove any animal droppings.
- Fill, level, and seed any holes from pets and repair all other damage caused by pets or authorized animals.

#### **Landscaping, if it's a Tenant responsibility in your Lease:**

- Mow, edge, rake, weed-eat, etc., & sweep or blow off walkways & driveway in keeping with standards Lease section 2.17.
- Trim shrubs consistent with levels at the time of move in.
- Any dead areas of lawn which were sodded at move in should be re-sodded.