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Free Spring Cleaning checklist

General Cleaning

- * Dust everywhere. Always dust from the top of a room on down.
- * Clean light fixtures.
- * Clean mirrors, windows, and blinds.
- * Spot-clean places like walls, light switches, and doorknobs.
- * Remove stains all over the house.
- * Recycle paper, plastics, aluminum, steel, glass, batteries, and toxics.
- * Polish chrome fixtures.
- * Launder washing machine-safe items (curtains, towels, rugs, slipcovers, blankets, tablecloths, other linens).
- * Check furnace and air conditioning units. Clean and service (filters, etc.) as necessary. Drain sediment from hot water heater.
- * Clean fireplace and fixtures.
- * Clean ceilings and painted walls.
- * Vacuum everywhere, including corners, baseboards, vents, windowsills, lampshades, and under furniture.
- * Shampoo carpets and wash rugs if needed.
- * Clean out closets. Store winter clothing if needed.
- * Tour house as if a guest and write down other things that need to be done (such as painting, repairs, decorating).

Kitchen

- * Thoroughly clean inside and outside of fridge, and vacuum coils.
- * Clean inside and outside of all kitchen cabinets and drawers.
- * Clean oven, stove, exhaust fan, and hood
- * Clean all counters and sink area.
- * Scrub/mop the kitchen floor.
- * Run dishwasher with long-unused dishes (or dishwasher-safe items like some vases). Wash non-dishwasher safe items in a sink with warm water and dish soap

Bathroom

- * Clean or install new shower curtain or liner
- * Scrub tub and/or shower.
- * 15-second cleaning after each shower.
- * Clean medicine cabinet. Remove and inspect contents. Toss out expired items.
- * Clean the toilet inside and out.
- * Clean the sink, counters, and mirrors
- * Scrub the floor.
- * Polish fixtures for a great finishing touch.

Rooms

- * Dust and clean bookcases, cabinets, and their contents.
- * Polish appropriate furniture.
- * Vacuum and spot clean upholstered couches and chairs. Wash slipcovers
- * Clean items like piano, computer, stereo, and wall hangings.
- * Clean under beds. Donate things you never use and organize the rest.
- * Vacuum and flip the mattress.
- * Repair damaged or broken furniture.

Outdoors

- * Wash windows outside. If applicable, remove storm windows and replace window screens.
- * Clean out, wash, and organize garage
- * Get out or uncover outdoor furniture. Clean and make repairs.
- * Inspect roof for winter damage (shingles, chimney, vents, gutters). Schedule repairs before summer rush.
- * Clean and repair house siding and trim.
- * Clear away any dead foliage, weeds, and branches from yard. Start or rotate current compost bin.
- * Tour house exterior and grounds. Make a list of seasonal needs and work to be done (like painting and repairs).
- * Plan spring landscaping projects (trees, gardens, flowers, fencing).

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