

SUSAN WEBSTER'S

Spring cleaning checklist

A ROOM-BY-ROOM CLEANING GUIDE

Spring is a welcome arrival for all of us - the days are getting longer, the temperatures are rising, and the flowers are beginning to bloom. This season also gives us more energy, helping us finally gain the motivation we need to tackle cleaning that overfilled attic, unorganized pantry, or bathroom cabinets.

Ridding your home of items that no longer add value, as well as doing a thorough clean of your space, will help you enter spring feeling organized and clear-minded.

Here's a room-by-room spring cleaning checklist to help guide you:

BATHROOMS

- Go through your cabinets and get rid of old toiletries, makeup, prescription bottles, etc.
- Remove all contents of drawers and cabinets and do a thorough wipe.
- Replace items you are keeping in an organized fashion.
- Vacuum the floors.
- Wipe the walls and ceilings.
- Dust all surfaces.
- Toss any throw rugs into the washing machine.
- Wash the inside of windows.
- Mop the floors.

BEDROOMS

- Go through your closet and separate your items by what you will toss, donate, and repair.
- Ensure all of your clothes are folded and hung in their proper places.
- Vacuum the floor.
- Wipe walls and ceilings.
- Dust all surfaces.
- Let it breathe - open your windows (weather depending) and let the room air-out.
- Throw sheets, pillow cases, and any other bedding into the washing machine.
- Wash mirrors.
- Wash the inside of windows.

KITCHEN

- Clean the refrigerator and freezer - empty the contents, do a thorough wipe of the appliance, get rid of old food, and replace contents in an organized fashion.
- Degrease cooking appliances - remove stove grates and wipe greasy areas with SOS pad.
- Clean oven
- Wash the inside of windows.
- Dust all surfaces.
- Wash surfaces and cabinets - use warm water and dishwasher liquid to remove grease and remnants of spilled food.
- Vacuum floors.
- Mop floors.

LIVING, FAMILY, AND DINING ROOMS

- Dust ceiling fans.
- Vacuum floors.
- Wipe walls and ceilings.
- Check your furniture for stains and do spot treatment on areas that need attention.
- Wash the inside of windows.
- Clean and dust electronics.
- Sweep out your fireplace and organize unused wood.
- Mop floors.

OUTSIDE

- Power wash driveway.
- Clean out your gutters.
- Wash windows.
- Tidy garden - remove and compost dead plants, rake the lawn, and prune your branches.