

SPRING CLEANING GUIDE

Before you start to clean, **declutter first**. It will be so much easier to clean a simplified home!

UNIVERSAL RULES

- Choose one area to focus on for a given cleaning session. Collect linens such as sheets, curtains or tablecloths and put them in the wash immediately. This way, they will be ready to be replaced once you have finished cleaning said area.
- Dust first! Dust builds up quickly and settles into every nook and cranny, so take your time removing as much of it as you can. Try to get every surface, working top to bottom, left to right. Here's a mini checklist of places to bust dust:
 - baseboards, ceiling fan blades, knick-knacks, the tops of TVs, picture frames, and wall hangings
- If possible, open some windows while you clean. Airing out stale spaces is a quintessential part of spring cleaning.
- Clean floors last! Sweep, vacuum, and mop all your floors.

BEDROOMS

- Clean mirrors
- Flip and/or clean the mattress
- Wipe down nightstands and vanity
- Vacuum under bed
- Remake bed with spring bedding

BATHROOMS

- Clean shower head
- Clean shower organizer
- Clean mirrors
- Deep clean toilet
- Wash countertops, faucet and handles

LIVING ROOM

- Vacuum and lint roll furniture
- Deep clean rugs
- Sanitize clickers
- Replace heavy winter blankets with lighter options

KITCHEN

- Deep clean fridge and freezer
- Clean fridge water dispenser
- Vacuum behind fridge
- Deep clean microwave
- Deep clean stovetop
- Deep clean oven
- Clean coffee makers and teapots
- Wash countertops
- Deep clean sink
- Wipe down cabinets and dishwasher
- Clean garbage can

DINING ROOM

- Use special cleaning treatments
- Clean mirrors and glass
- Vacuum and lint roll furniture
- Redecorate for the spring

LAUNDRY AREA

- Deep clean washer basin
- Vacuum / deep clean dryer vents for lint
- Clean out laundry hampers

HOME OFFICE / GUEST ROOM

- Wipe down desk
- Clean office chair
- Change out guest bedding

ENTRYWAY / GARAGE

- Clean mats
- Put away winter items

GENERAL CLEANING

- Wash the windows, including the inner windowsill
- Wash walls
- Relocate and/or repot houseplants
- Address old stains