

House Area:	Useful Cleaning Tips & Tricks:
Indoor/ Outdoor	Doormats – Hose off and air dry (outdoor); Vacuum indoor mats on both sides. Scrub with dish soap and warm water to remove stains and air dry.
	Windows - Clean glass; Dust windowsills and shades/blinds; Vacuum curtains or drapes. Wash window screens with dish soap and warm water.
Kitchen	Kitchen Sink – Run lemon rind slivers through disposal with cold water to eliminate odors.
	Microwave – Fill large bowl with 1 cup water, chopped lemon, 2-3 tbsp vinegar and heat inside until it boils. Let cool for 5 min before opening door. Steam will soften residue. Wipe down.
	Reusable Grocery Bags – Wash or wipe down.
	Countertops/Backsplash – Polish and restore shine to granite or marble using specialized cleaners.
	Cutting Boards – Sprinkle with salt or baking soda first, then run the cut side of a lemon over the board to help remove food stains and smells.
	Refrigerator – Give removable shelves and bins a deep clean and remove food bacteria with sanitizing wipes. Throw away expired items.
	Pots/ Pans – Remove burned on residue using degreaser or specialized cleaners, and polish tarnished copper.
	Oven – Use your appliance’s self-cleaning feature or cleaning product to remove baked on grime.
	Cabinets – Remove dust and grease build up. Clean and disinfect handles and pulls.
	Stainless Steel Appliances - Clean and polish.
	Sterling Silverware & Platters – Polish with silver polish.
Bathroom	Shower Curtains – Wash, wipe down, or replace if broken.
	Make Up Cabinet – Toss expired products, wipe down, reorganize.
	Make Up Brushes – Clean with baby shampoo or pure castile soap and water and rub into your palm, rinse and let dry.
	Grout – Scrub clean with grout cleaner or reseal grout lines that have deteriorated.

	Shower Drain – To freshen drains, mix ½ cup baking soda with ¼ cup salt, pour down drain, followed by 1 cup heated vinegar, it will foam, let stand 15 min tops, then run hot water for 30 seconds.
Living Areas	Furniture: (A) Wood – dust and polish; (B) Upholstered – vacuum both sides of cushions and crevices; (C) Glass – polish; (D) Pull furniture away from walls, vacuum under and behind.
	Curtains/Drapes – Vacuum, send to dry cleaners if stained or damaged. You can also toss them in the dryer for 15 min on the “air-only” cycle and rehang immediately to avoid wrinkles.
	Bookshelves – Dust, wipe down with a damp cloth, and redecorate books/décor for fresh seasonal look *optional. Reorganize books, donate unwanted books, and toss old magazines.
	Ceiling Fixtures – Dust with your extendable duster!
	Baseboards – Vacuum or dust and wipe down with a damp cloth.
Bedrooms	Kids’ Toys – Sanitize, wipe down, and wash any stuffed animals. Donate toys and books that are no longer being used.
	Bedding – Wash pillows and comforters.
	Mattress – Vacuum and sanitize with disinfectant spray. You can also use a garment steamer or iron to kill dust mites.
	Closet – Switch out your non-season clothing and shoes, wash and repair anything stained or broken. Donate clothes that no longer fits.
Laundry	Washing Machine – Add bleach and use special washer cleaning cycle or washing machine cleaner.
	Dryer – Vacuum hard to reach fuzz, and under and around dryer too to reduce fire risks.
Misc.	Phone & Electronics – Sanitize. Do this with remotes, and computer mouse also. Replace batteries in smoke detectors and alarms.
	Purses – Empty, reorganize, and sanitize.
	Hardware - Polish Metal Door and Window hardware.
Cleaning Tools	Vacuum – Replace the bag, wash filters, and snip threads in the brush.
	Broom – Clear dust bunnies, and clean in warm soapy water.
Outdoor Furniture	Patio Furniture – Pressure clean or wipe down with warm water and dish soap.
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