Comprehensive Spring Cleaning Checklist

Dusting Jobs
Start at the top and work your way down so you don't keep having to clean the floors. This is a lesson I learned from experience when I first got married, lol!

- dust ceiling corners with an extendable fluffy duster
- dust crown molding and door jambs
- dust light fixtures and remove spiderwebs from chandeliers
- dust ceiling fans, and while you are at it, switch them to turn counter clockwise
- dust picture frames hanging on walls
- dust furnishings/ flat surfaces/ bookshelves
- remove light fixtures and wipe/wash them clean. Wash out all the dust and bugs if they are the types that capture every flying insect in the house.
- dust the lamps/ vacuum shades
- dust tops of appliances (like the fridge)
- dust curtains and wipe down windowsills
- change the household air filter
- dust/ vacuum baseboards with that little skinny attachment that usually has a brush at the end. If you don’t have one of these, a fluffy duster will loosen baseboard dust enough to effectively vacuum with regular hose.

Walls and Doors
This makes a huge difference in the overall clean and bright feeling of your house, especially if you have small children who leave handprints all over everything.

- clean scuff marks from walls with a magic eraser
- scrub all light switches and outlets
- wash the walls in high traffic areas
- wash doors (look for scuff marks)
- clean and wash door handles and area around them
- touch up paint if necessary

Windows
This is a great job to involve kids. It might take a little training to help them learn about getting a streak-free shine, but once they have the skill, they can own that job every week.
• wash or wipe down window blinds
• clean inside windows and mirrors
• scrub window sash area
• clean exterior windows. I like using a telescopic rod and microfiber scrubber to help reach tough areas

Floors
• vacuum all floors before you start scrubbing them
• deep clean hard-surface floors (use a couple of folded towels as knee pads)
• shampoo carpets as needed
• roll up area rugs and vacuum the undersides/ floors where they were
• clean area rugs (especially if you have pets)
• vacuum all flooring, including corners and edges
• vacuum air vents and intake grills

Household General
• replace batteries in smoke detector
• replace batteries in carbon monoxide detector
• get pest control scheduled
• schedule the pool maintenance people to visit, if applicable
• order heating oil refill if applicable

Living Area
• wipe the couch if leather/ vacuum if textile
• move couch and vacuum all the delightful things that might have been hiding under it. Now might be a great opportunity to rearrange your living room furniture for a fresh look.
• condition leather couches and chairs
• remove extra clutter items and put them away in their proper homes
• dust electronics and disinfect remote controls/ gaming controllers
• organize entertainment center accessories

Kitchen
• clear clutter from flat surfaces (another great job for kids if they are the main cluttering culprits)
• clean and disinfect the household trash cans. I like doing this outside with the garden hose a little bleach, followed with a soapy water wash and a drying time out in the sunshine.
• scrub the table, make sure you wipe the underside, pull it apart to clean table-leaf joint.
- clean the microwave, concentrating on the door seals. My favorite way is to microwave a web, soapy rag for 1 minute to steam off grime. It all wipes away easily after steaming.
- deep clean the dishwasher and clean the door seals/strainer baskets
- clean and organize the refrigerator and freezer (toss out the old stuff)
- defrost deep freezer if applicable
- vacuum refrigerator coils
- dust top of fridge if you didn't take care of it when dusting earlier
- clean the oven and wipe up remaining ashes
- clean the hood vent and change/wash filters as needed
- scrub stovetop
- clean and disinfect the garbage disposal: toss a small section of orange peel in to remove stinky smells
- wipe out silverware drawers
- clean utility kitchen drawers
- organize and wipe down the pantry
- clean under the kitchen sink and
- scrub kitchen cabinets and touch up with varnish pen
- clean backsplash area

**Bathrooms**

- wipe down toothbrush holders/drawers
- scrub soap dishes and refill soap pumps
- scrub shower caddy/storage shelves
- remove and wash shower curtain and replace vinyl liner if you can’t wash it clean
- descale shower doors if you live in a hard water area. Try using Rainex on the shower glass to keep it cleaner for a longer time.
- check bathroom fan for mildew and clean
- clean vanity countertops and shine bathroom sinks
- reassess items you store on vanity counter and try to pair down your collection
- clean toilets and floors around them
- wipe down bathroom scale
- wash/replace bath mats
- Scrub the bathtub and/or shower walls and base
- Clean shower head and bathtub faucet head
- unclog drains (we use this tool, it is just plain awesome...no more reaching into nasty drains with my fingers) seat and around hinges
- caulk shower and bathtub seams if applicable – clear silicone is best
- Re-seal tile and grout in wet areas
- declutter bathroom cabinets and storage areas
- toss out expired personal hygiene products
- Wipe down bathroom cabinets, cabinet pulls, toilet paper holder, and towel bars
Bedrooms

- declutter items that don’t belong – return them to rightful place
- organize bedroom closets – remove seasonal outgrown clothing
- wipe down dressers and nightstands, vacuuming drawers
- vacuum the mattress
- clean under your bed – donate some of that stuff that is just sitting and gathering cobwebs
- wash bedsheets, replace if worn out
- change out your pillow every year
- vacuum carpet, concentrating on baseboards and under bed/ dresser
- shampoo or steam clean carpets

Laundry Room

- clean dryer vent and remove lint from dryer lint traps
- wipe down the washing machine, clean out soap dispenser and disinfect door seals
- vacuum behind and underneath washer and dryer
- vacuum floors
- mop laundry room floors
- reseal tile grout in wet areas
- tidy up and organize laundry room shelves
- eliminate unnecessary cleaning products
- clean/ vacuum laundry collection bins
- scrub laundry sink if applicable and organize/ wipe down all cabinets

Spring Clean Kids’ Things

- clean and organize clothing they’ve outgrown – donate hand me down clothing
- toss out broken toys
- donate outgrown toys
- wash stuffed animals/ wubbies
- disinfect gaming controllers/ computers/ kindles/ iPads, etc.
- have kids sort through personal effects/ toss out the clutter

Office/ Work area/ Command center

- clean and organize desk drawers/ remove junk from junk drawer
- toss junk mail and shred out of date bank statements/ bill stubs
- review insurance policies
- check credit score
- wipe down computer screen, keyboard, and mouse

Outdoor Spring Cleaning
• sweep porch patio/deck
• power wash the driveway and deck
• power wash your garage doors and exterior siding if needed
• touch up paint house exterior
• remove cobwebs from exterior fixtures
• scoop out gutters
• scoop leaves from nooks and crannies in the yard and around house
• plant annuals at the end of Spring (you'll see them in stores)
• sprinkle pre-emergent weed control
• trim branches that are too close to the house
• clean or replace doormats
• wash outdoor garbage cans and recycle bins
• sweep garage floor
• wash salt/ winter dust from cars
• put large garbage items at curb when weather is nice or make trip to dump

Happy cleaning and good luck with everything. You can download a pdf version of this list here

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