

SPRING CLEANING *room-by-room checklist*

THROUGHOUT

- Wipe ceilings and walls, using a gentle degreaser as needed to cut through grime
- Dust everything thoroughly from top to bottom, including smoke/CO detectors (test them, too!) books, shelves, the tops of fans, door/window casings and baseboards
- Vacuum and shampoo rugs (wool or Oriental area rugs may need professional cleaning)
- Wax wooden furniture and non-wood flooring such as vinyl, stone and tile (be sure to use the right product for each surface)
- Reseal grout in tile flooring and countertops, applying the sealant with a small foam brush
- Wash window glass with 1 part vinegar to 1 part hot water, then squeegee dry
- Wash window screens using a scrub brush and mild dish soap
- Polish metal door and window hardware
- Clean window treatments
 - Launder draperies according to care labels
 - Wipe blinds with water and mild dish soap
 - Dry clean fabric shades

LIVING/FAMILY ROOM

- Clean heavy winter window treatments and decor, then replace them with lighter and brighter alternatives
- Clean upholstery by vacuuming crumbs, beating out cushions and treating any stains

KITCHEN

- Defrost the freezer and vacuum the coils (usually at the bottom, under the grill)
- Scrub cabinets with wood-safe soap
- Organize the pantry, cleaning any shelving
- Wash metal hood vent filters with dish soap

BEDROOMS

- Turn the mattresses
- Wash pillows according to the care label
- Swap out winter blankets for lighter warm-weather bedding
- Store winter clothing and pull out your warm-weather wardrobe
- Donate any clothing items that you haven't used in a year

BATHROOMS

- Update your first-aid kit with bandages, antibacterial ointment and emergency numbers
- Put expired cosmetics and makeup in a ziploc bag and discard them

DEN/OFFICE

- Clean computers and electronics with a dust free cloth and a mix of 1 drop dish soap to 1 quart water
- Dust keyboards with a vacuum attachment or cotton swabs
- Organize paperwork and files

OUTDOOR SPACES

- Wash decks, patios, driveways and walkways; if needed, treat mildew with a mix of 1 part Oxi-Clean to 3 parts water
- Clean porch ceilings and walls
- Scrub outdoor furniture with a mix of mild dish soap and water
- Clean and inspect outdoor lighting