



December Home Cleaning Checklist



Here's a **December Home Cleaning Checklist** to keep your home fresh, organized, and guest-ready during the busy holiday season. Adjust as needed based on your schedule and household needs!

Week 1: Prepare Your Space: Get ready to be in control of your space.

- Declutter and Organize** – Tidy up living spaces and storage areas to make room for holiday decor and guests.
 - Donate** all unused and unwanted items.
 - Deep Clean Carpets and Rugs** – Shampoo carpets and spot clean high-traffic areas. (only if needed).
 - Wash Windows and Mirrors** – Ensure your home feels bright and fresh for the season.
 - Dust and Surfaces** – Clean furniture, shelves, and decor items for a polished look.
 - Make your grocery list now** and start shopping for entertaining and Christmas baking. Be prepared for when the mood might hit you this December. Be ready to throw something together for parties and giving.
 - Add Holiday placemats and table clothes** to dining areas.
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Week 2: Focus on Kitchens and Bathrooms

- Clean Kitchen Appliances** – Deep clean the oven, microwave, and refrigerator to prepare for holiday cooking.
- Wipe Cabinets and Backsplashes** – Remove grease and stains to keep your kitchen sparkling.
- Bathrooms** – Deep clean showers, sinks, toilets, and mirrors, ensuring they're ready for guests.
- Stock Supplies** – Restock toilet paper, hand soap, and towels in guest bathrooms.
- Add seasonal candle**

Week 3: Holiday Hosting Prep

- Dust and Vacuum Common Areas – Focus on entryways, living rooms, and dining spaces. Warm, Cozy and Organized is the goal.
 - Clean Upholstery and Throw Pillows – Freshen up seating areas for comfort and style. **(especially if you have pets like I do, this one is super important)**
 - Wipe Down Dining Table and Chairs – Prepare for holiday meals and gatherings. Things get grimy! **A spot check will do.**
 - Sanitize High-Touch Surfaces – Wipe down light switches, door handles, and remotes.
 - Add glade plug ins, candles, and candle warmers for that warm and cozy holiday smell.
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Week 4: Post-Holiday Cleanup

- Declutter and Store Decorations – Organize and safely pack holiday decor for next year, get rid of old and broken decorations **(don't store them)!**
- Deep Clean the Kitchen – Tackle any post-cooking mess, including stovetops and counters. ***I'd probably hire this one out in January.**
- Dispose of Wrapping Paper and Boxes – Recycle or discard holiday waste..
- Wash Bedding and Towels – Freshen up guest linens before storing.

This plan ensures a clean and welcoming home throughout December while preparing you for the new year.

Notes



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