

The Ultimate Airbnb Cleaning Checklist

Room-by-room turnover and deep clean checklist for Airbnb & VRBO hosts. Print this and hand it to your cleaner.

TURNOVER CLEAN	DEEP CLEAN
After every guest checkout. Focus on visible surfaces, linens, and supplies. 1–3 hours.	Every 3–6 months. Targets hidden grime, buildup, and structural cleaning. 4–8 hours.

Turnover items are in regular text. Deep clean additions are in italics.

■ BEDROOM

Every Turnover:

- Strip all bed linens — sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers, mattress protector if soiled
- Check mattress protector for stains; replace if needed
- Launder/swap all linens with a clean set
- Remake bed with fresh linens — flat sheet tucked, duvet centered, pillows per reference photo
- Check under bed for personal items left by previous guest
- Clean between headboard and mattress
- Wipe down nightstands, lamps, and bedside surfaces
- Dust ceiling fan blades
- Disinfect high-touch surfaces — light switches, TV remote, doorknobs
- Clean mirrors and glass surfaces
- Dust and wipe dressers, wardrobes, decorative items
- Check closets and drawers — empty left-behind items, note for host
- Vacuum floor thoroughly, including under the bed
- Mop hard floors if applicable
- Restock amenities (hangers, extra blankets, etc.)
- Restore room to reference photo configuration

Add for Deep Clean:

- *Flip and inspect mattress; replace if sagging or stained*
- *Vacuum mattress surface with upholstery attachment*
- *Wash pillows*
- *Steam-clean carpets or rugs*
- *Clean inside all closets and wardrobes top to bottom*
- *Dust window blinds or wash curtains*
- *Wipe down all baseboards and wall scuffs*
- *Clean windows inside*
- *Check under and behind all furniture*

■ BATHROOM

Every Turnover:

- Collect all used towels and bathmats for laundering

- Clean and disinfect toilet — bowl (under rim), seat, lid, tank, base
- Sanitize toilet brush holder
- Scrub and disinfect shower/bathtub — walls, floor, door or curtain
- Check for mold or mildew on grout; note for host if found
- Clean and polish showerhead; remove hard water buildup
- Check shower and sink drains — clear any hair
- Clean and disinfect sink, backsplash, and faucet
- Clean mirror — streak-free
- Wipe down all countertop surfaces
- Clean medicine cabinet exterior
- Dust exhaust fan cover
- Empty trash and replace liner
- Sweep and mop floor, including behind toilet
- Replace with fresh towels — folded per standard/reference photo
- Replace bathmat
- Restock toiletries: TP (2 rolls visible + reserve), hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash
- Disinfect light switches and door handles

Add for Deep Clean:

- *Snake drains*
- *Clean inside drawers and under-sink cabinet*
- *Wash shower curtain and liner (or replace liner)*
- *Use grout cleaner on tile grout*
- *Remove and descale showerhead*
- *Check and replace caulking if discolored*
- *Wipe down all baseboards*
- *Clean exhaust fan interior*

■ KITCHEN

Every Turnover:

- Empty and wipe out refrigerator — remove leftover food, wipe all shelves and door compartments
- Check freezer for leftover ice or food
- Clean stovetop — remove/clean burner grates (gas) or wipe glass (electric)
- Clean microwave interior and exterior
- Wipe down oven exterior; check interior for obvious debris
- Clean and disinfect all countertops and backsplash
- Wipe down all cabinet fronts (especially around handles)
- Clean sink — scrub basin, disinfect faucet, run disposal with dish soap
- Wash and put away dishes left in drying rack or dishwasher
- Run dishwasher if needed, then empty completely
- Wipe down dishwasher exterior
- Clean small appliances: coffee maker, toaster, kettle — inside and out
- Wipe down all other visible appliances
- Empty all trash cans and replace liners
- Sweep and mop floor, including under the table
- Restock: dish soap, sponge, paper towels, dishwasher pods, hand soap
- Arrange kitchen to reference photo

Add for Deep Clean:

- *Pull out refrigerator and clean behind/beneath*
- *Clean oven interior thoroughly*
- *Descalcify coffee maker*
- *Clean inside all cabinets and drawers*
- *Check expiry dates on pantry items*
- *Wipe down kitchen exhaust hood and filter*
- *Deep-clean garbage disposal*
- *Clean range hood vents*
- *Replace any worn kitchen towels, oven mitts, or pot holders*

■ LIVING ROOM / COMMON AREAS

Every Turnover:

- Check under/behind all sofa cushions — remove debris, coins, crumbs
- Vacuum all upholstered furniture
- Spot-clean stains on upholstery; note for host if serious
- Fluff and arrange throw pillows per reference photo
- Launder throw blankets if used (or refold if untouched)
- Dust all surfaces: coffee table, side tables, entertainment unit, shelving
- Wipe down electronics: TV screen (microfiber only), game console, remotes
- Disinfect high-touch surfaces: remotes, light switches, door handles
- Dust ceiling fan blades and light fixtures
- Clean windows and wipe window ledges
- Vacuum floor and/or rugs; mop hard floors
- Arrange decor and books per reference photo
- Check for left-behind items

Add for Deep Clean:

- *Steam-clean upholstery*
- *Shampoo rugs and carpets*
- *Clean behind and under all furniture*
- *Dust blinds or wash curtains*
- *Clean windows inside*
- *Wipe all baseboards*
- *Dust and straighten artwork frames*

■ ENTRYWAY & HIGH-TOUCH ZONES

Every Turnover:

- Wipe front door — exterior and interior
- Disinfect door handle, keypad, and/or lockbox
- Sweep or vacuum entryway floor
- Wipe down entry furniture (bench, console table, coat hooks)
- Check entry closet if applicable — tidy and clear guest space
- Sweep or blow off porch, steps, or front walkway

Disinfect at every turnover:

- All door handles and knobs (interior and exterior)
- Light switches throughout
- TV remotes
- Thermostat controls
- Kitchen appliance buttons and handles
- Toilet flush handles

■ LAUNDRY ROOM

Every Turnover:

- Clean lint trap in dryer — every single time
- Wipe down exterior of washer and dryer
- Check washer drum for leftover laundry or forgotten items
- Wipe down laundry detergent tray in washer
- Restock laundry detergent and dryer sheets
- Sweep and mop floor
- Empty trash if applicable
- Wipe down any folding table or shelf

Add for Deep Clean:

- *Run washer on clean cycle*
- *Clean behind and beneath washer and dryer*
- *Wipe all interior surfaces of washer drum*

■ EXTERIOR & OUTDOOR SPACES

Every Turnover:

- Sweep patio, deck, or porch thoroughly
- Wipe down all outdoor furniture
- Check for garbage left by guests — check under furniture too
- Clean BBQ grill grates if used; wipe exterior
- Check and clean any outdoor fire pit
- Inspect any outdoor games or equipment
- Sweep or clear front walkway

Add for Deep Clean:

- *Power-wash deck or patio*
- *Deep-clean BBQ (full disassembly)*
- *Clean/inspect outdoor furniture for damage or weathering*
- *Trim back encroaching plants or hedges*
- *Inspect outdoor lighting — replace burnt bulbs*
- *Drain and clean hot tub (per manufacturer guidelines)*
- *Clean pool (if applicable — usually separate weekly service)*

■ GUEST SUPPLIES — RESTOCK EVERY TURNOVER

Item	Minimum Stock Level
Toilet paper	2 rolls per bathroom visible + 4 in reserve
Paper towels	1 full roll in kitchen
Dish soap	Refill or replace if less than 25% full
Dishwasher pods	4–6 in cabinet
Laundry detergent	As listed in your amenities
Hand soap (each bathroom)	Refill or replace if less than 25% full
Shampoo / conditioner / body wash	As listed in your amenities
Trash bags	Replacement bags already under bin liner
Sponge or dish brush	Replace every 2–3 turnovers

■ DEEP CLEAN FREQUENCY GUIDE

Property Type	Recommended Frequency
High-turnover urban Airbnb (2–3 night stays)	Every 3 months
Mid-stay rental (5–7 nights average)	Every 4–5 months
Seasonal vacation home	Before and after peak season
Luxury or boutique rental	Every 3 months
Properties with pets allowed	Every 2–3 months

✍ PROPERTY-SPECIFIC NOTES

Use this space to add notes specific to your property — quirks, special instructions, staging details, supply locations.

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