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Cleaning Tasks & Tips

Spring cleaning is a time to get organized and recharge your batteries both literally and figuratively! Below are some tasks and tips for a successful spring cleaning.

Wipe Walls & Ceiling

Use a vacuum to remove dust. Tackle stubborn surface grime, especially prevalent in kitchens, with a solvent-free degreaser (test it first in an inconspicuous area to ensure it won't mar the surface).

Reseal Grout Lines

The cement-based material between wall, floor, and countertop tiles is extremely porous and stains easily. Protect it with a penetrating grout sealer; it's best to apply it with a small foam brush.

Vacuum & Shampoo Rugs

Dust Shelves, Books & Entire House: Don't forget ceiling fans, lamps and tall furniture & windowsills. Work from the top down so dust can settle and be vacuumed.

Outdoor Spaces: Clean porch ceilings and walls. Scrub decks, patios, driveways & walkways. Treat mildew spots with a solution of 1 part oxygen bleach to 3 parts water using a deck brush. Wash outdoor furniture. Inspect light fixtures.

Clean Upholstered Furniture

Take furniture cushions outside and beat them to get the dust out. Use vacuum to clean under cushions.

Polish Metal Doors & Hardware

Wash Window Screens

Use warm soapy water and brush to scrub screens clean. Clean Window Treatments. Check if they are machine washable.

Kitchen

Dust refrigerator coils: Turn off power at circuit breaker. Use vacuum to clean dust off coils.

Defrost the Freezer: Turn power off at circuit breaker and use 2 tbs baking soda to 1 qt hot water to clean interior.

Living Room

Switch out heavy drapes, rugs and décor for lighter brighter ones.

Bedrooms

Rotate mattress and change blankets to warm weather bedding, Wash pillows if possible.

Bathrooms

Discard expired cosmetics & beauty products. Update first-aid kit.

Home Office

Organize files. Clean electronics.

Closets

Replace cold weather clothing with warm weather clothing. Donate old clothing.