

THE LANDLORD-APPROVED MOVE-OUT DEEP CLEANING CHECKLIST

A practical room-by-room guide to help tenants prepare a rental property for handover in Dubai.

Use this checklist before the final inspection

Work through each room after belongings are removed. Separate cleaning tasks from repairs, take photos of the property's condition, and check your tenancy agreement for any specific handover requirements.

Before You Start

- Remove personal belongings, rubbish, food and packaging from all rooms.
- Check cupboards, drawers, wardrobes, under sinks and storage areas for forgotten items.
- Review move-in photos or the condition report, if available.
- Make a separate list of repairs or damage; cleaning may not fix paint damage, holes, cracks or broken fixtures.
- Arrange repairs before the final clean where possible to avoid dust or debris being created afterwards.
- Use suitable products for the surface and follow product labels. Never mix cleaning chemicals.

Recommended order: Inspect → Identify repairs → Complete repairs → Clean → Final walkthrough → Handover

1. Kitchen

- Wipe cabinet fronts, handles, edges and accessible interiors.
- Degrease worktops, backsplash, cooker area and other suitable surfaces.
- Clean the sink, taps and surrounding areas; remove visible residue.
- Empty and clean any included refrigerator; wipe shelves, drawers, seals and interior walls.
- Clean other appliances supplied with the property, following manufacturer guidance.
- Vacuum or sweep and mop the floor, including corners and accessible areas beneath appliances.
- Remove food residue and rubbish; check for lingering odours and identify maintenance issues.

Room-by-Room Checklist

Tick each item once checked. Adjust the list to match the property's fixtures, surfaces and tenancy agreement.

2. Bathrooms

- Clean toilets, sinks, showers, bathtubs and surrounding surfaces.
- Remove soap residue and visible limescale from suitable surfaces.
- Clean mirrors, glass panels, taps and showerheads with appropriate products.
- Check grout lines, shower drains, around toilet bases and behind accessible fixtures.
- Wipe accessible exhaust vents and cabinet interiors; remove hair and debris.
- Clean the floor and leave the area dry and ventilated.

3. Floors, Carpets and Skirting Boards

- Vacuum carpets thoroughly, including edges and accessible corners.
- Spot-check visible stains; consider professional carpet treatment if needed.
- Sweep or vacuum hard floors before mopping.
- Wipe skirting boards, corners, mouldings and accessible areas beneath cabinets.
- Use products and methods suitable for the specific flooring material.

4. Walls, Doors and High-Touch Surfaces

- Check walls for fingerprints, dust, scuffs, stains, nail holes and paint damage.
- Clean marks only where the paint or surface can tolerate the method.
- Wipe doors, handles, light switches and frequently touched surfaces.
- Record significant holes, cracks, paint damage or defects for repair assessment.
- Do not assume cleaning can correct damage or that repainting is required; check the agreement and condition records.

5. Bedrooms and Living Areas

- Dust accessible ceiling fans, light fittings, vents, shelves and ledges.
- Clean inside wardrobes, cupboards and drawers once emptied.
- Vacuum floors, carpet edges, corners and areas previously covered by furniture.
- Check for dust or debris behind doors and in less-visible areas.
- Note any floor marks, damaged fittings or other issues that may need separate attention.

Final Checks Before Handover

6. Windows and Glass

- Clean accessible interior glass, frames, sills and tracks.
- Remove visible fingerprints, dust and streaks from glass doors and partitions.
- Use safe methods and do not lean out of windows or access unsafe heights.

7. Balcony and Outdoor Areas

- Sweep or vacuum accessible floors and remove loose debris.
- Wipe accessible railings and fixtures; clean accessible glass where safe.
- Clear accessible drains of loose debris without attempting hazardous repairs.
- Do not attempt work at height or on exterior surfaces unless properly qualified and equipped.

8. Final Self-Inspection

- Walk through every room after cleaning and allow wet surfaces to dry.
- Recheck corners, skirting boards, wardrobes, window tracks, AC vents and overlooked surfaces.
- Check that supplied fixtures and appliances appear intact; report faults rather than attempting unsafe repairs.
- Take clear, dated photos or videos of the property's final condition.
- Compare the condition with move-in records and note pre-existing wear or damage.
- Gather keys, access cards, remotes, parking permits and other items required for handover.
- Confirm any additional requirements in the tenancy agreement or with the property manager.

Repairs and cleaning are different tasks

A clean property does not automatically mean every maintenance issue is resolved. Record defects separately, communicate with the landlord or property manager, and clarify responsibility before arranging repairs. Deposit outcomes depend on the tenancy agreement, the property's condition and applicable rules; this checklist cannot guarantee a refund.

Property notes

Property / unit:	
Date checked:	
Repairs to follow up:	

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[Pre-Handover Inspection vs. Final Cleaning](#)

[Move-Out Cleaning Services Dubai](#)

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