Move-In & Out Cleaning Tips

After you’ve unloaded your boxes, give your new space a clean start. Be sure to revisit before you move out to avoid unnecessary cleaning charges.

MOVE-IN

ROOM FEATURES:
- Door handles
  - Clean
  - Disinfect
- Light switches
  - Clean
  - Disinfect
- Floors
  - Vacuum or sweep, starting from the farthest corner and working toward the exit
- Bed Mattress
  - Vacuum and clean, consider disinfecting to get rid of dust mites, then top with a mattress cover and sheets

FURNITURE:
- Desk and chairs
  - Clean
  - Disinfect
- Bed frame
  - Clean
- Drawers and shelves
  - Clean
  - Disinfect

VOCAB CHECK

Clean to remove dirt from the surface, using an all-purpose cleaner or soap and water.

Disinfect to kill germs. Read the disinfectant label prior to using. Pay attention to how long it needs to remain on the surface to ensure effectiveness.

Have a Bath or Kitchen?

In the bathroom: disinfect sink areas, toilet bowls, tubs and showers to kill germs, as well as mold and mildew.

In the kitchen: clean and disinfect cabinets and surfaces. Clean oven with an oven cleaner. Clean refrigerator walls and shelves using a nonabrasive, all-purpose cleaner.
**SAFETY 101**

- ☐ Don’t mix cleaning products.
- ✔ Keep cleaning products in their original containers with labels intact.
- ✔ Read and follow label directions when cleaning and disinfecting.
- ✔ Open doors and windows to ensure adequate ventilation.

**Cleaning Kit Checklist**

**DORM / COMMON SPACES**
- ☐ Disinfecting spray or wipes
- ☐ All-purpose cleaner
- ☐ Glass and window cleaner
- ☐ Small vacuum
- ☐ Paper towels or microfiber cloth
- ☐ Hand sanitizer

**KITCHEN/KITCHENETTE**
- ☐ Dish soap
- ☐ Sponge

**BATHROOM** (If you have a bathroom in your room)
- ☐ Hand soap
- ☐ Toilet bowl cleaner
- ☐ Shower cleaner

**LAUNDRY**
- ☐ Laundry detergent
- ☐ Fabric softener or dryer sheets
- ☐ Stain remover
- ☐ Bleach

*Remember, use all products as directed on the label.*

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**MOVE-OUT**

- ☐ Remove all personal belongings.
- ☐ Dispose of any trash.
- ☐ Wipe down furniture (desk and chair, bed frame, shelves, etc.) using a clean cloth and an all-purpose cleaner.
- ☐ Use glass cleaner on windows and mirrors.
- ☐ If there's a kitchen or bathroom, clean all surfaces and wipe down shelves.
- ☐ Sweep or vacuum the floor (checking under the desk and bed), then for hard floors, mop starting at the farthest corner of the room and work your way toward the exit.

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**TOP TIPS!**

- ✔ PLAN AHEAD! Move-out day can sneak up fast. Start packing in advance so you have time to clean on move-out day.
- ✔ Divide common space responsibilities with roommates and make sure you have or can borrow any cleaning supplies needed.
- ✔ Check with your RA to make sure you’re following any move-out guidelines and prioritizing key areas.