Thorough Spring Cleaning Checklist
FOYER
• Dust light fixtures
• Wash walls and trim
• Wash doors, knobs, switch plates and wall hangings
• Wash benches or other furniture. Wash bench cushions.
• Empty out coat closet, cleaning closet and linen closet. Wash walls and floors. Sort items as you return them to closet. Store out of season items, donate unneeded items.
• Clean or replace entry mats
• Sweep and scrub floors
• Reseal grout lines, if necessary.

BEDROOMS
• Open windows
• Dust furniture
• For each drawer: remove items, wash drawer, and tighten dresser handles, place items back neatly. Donate items no longer needed.
• Remove everything from closets. Sweep and mop floor. Put everything back neatly. Wash closet doors. Try not to put things back on floor.
• Move bed. Sort and put away anything that was under bed. Sweep or vacuum under bed
• Put bed back. Freshen mattress. (see notes) Rotate mattress to get even wear on all sides.
• Clean bed frame.
• Launder bedding and curtains. Wash pillows and duvet in hot water. Air out mattress pad.
• Dust light fixtures. Clean lamp shades.
• Wash windows and window sills. Take out and wash window screens.
• Wash switch plates.
• Wash walls and trim
• Wash mirrors and art.
• Wash doors and doorknobs
• Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
• Sweep and wash floor or vacuum and shampoo.

BATHROOMS
• Open windows
• Empty all cabinets, vanities, and shower caddies. Wash inside and outside and replace items neatly. Discard expired medications and cosmetics.
• Clean tub. Wax if necessary. Clean drain. (see notes)
• Clean toilet, inside and out. Remove seat and clean around bolts.
• Clean sink and drain.
• Shine faucets. (see notes)
• Clean mirror and frame.
• Dust light fixtures
• Wash windows and window sills. Take out and wash window screens.
• Wash switch plates
• Wash walls and trim.
• Wash doors and door knobs.
• Wash floor registers and other vent covers
• Sweep and wash floors.
• Wash all linens, including shower curtain and liner.
• Reseal grout lines, if necessary.

KITCHEN
• Open windows
• Remove and clean window coverings (see notes for blinds)
• For each cabinet and drawer: remove items, wipe out, place items back neatly. Donate unneeded items.
• Wash and sanitize cutting boards.
• Sharpen knives.
• Wash cabinet doors and knobs
• Clean and organized panty. Check food expiration dates.
• Clean oven ( if no self cleaning option, see notes)
• Clean stove top. Remove elements and drip bowls and wash and put back.
• Clean and organize fridge and freezer. Defrost freezer. Check food expiration dates.
• Clean under fridge and stove
• Vacuum refrigerator coils
• Clean microwave. (see notes)
• Clean crumbs out of toaster
• Clean and descale kettle and/or coffee pot
• Wipe down any other counter appliances
• Wash counters and back splash.
• Wash and shine sink. Clean drain. (see notes)
• Clean dishwasher. (see notes)
• Dust light fixtures
• Wash windows and window sills. Remove window screens and wash.
• Wash switch plates
• Wash walls and trim
• Wash doors and door knobs
• Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
• Sweep and wash floor.
• Wash floor mats
• Clean dish rack
• Dust wall hangings
• Clean chairs
• Clean table, don’t forget the base or legs.
• Polish table
• Clean TV
• Reseal grout lines, if necessary.
• Get all leaven out! Yeast, baking soda, bread, etc.

DINING ROOM
• Open windows
• Wash curtains
• Wipe down table, don’t forget base or legs.
• Wipe down chairs. Shampoo cushions.
• Dust other furniture.
• Polish table
• Create a pretty spring vignette on table
• Dust any displayed china or serving dishes or flower vases.
• Launder table linens
• Shine silverware
• Dust wall hangings
• Wash windows and window sills. Take out and wash window screens.
• Wash switch plates
• Wash doors and door knobs
• Wash floor registers and other vent covers
• Dust light fixtures.
• Wash mirror.
• Sweep and mop floor

LIVING ROOM/ FAMILY ROOM/ PLAYROOM
• Open windows
• Vacuum sofas
• Spot clean sofas
• Launder throw pillows and blankets
• Dust shelves, furniture and décor
• Clean light fixtures and shades
• Wash windows and window sills. Take out and wash window screens
• Clean TV
• Dust electronics
• Tidy electronics wires. Tuck nicely out of sight. Label them. Sort through music and DVD collections. Purge things that no longer suit your family’s interests. Organize.
• Sort books and magazines. Donate unwanted books.
• Wash hard plastic toys with warm soapy water. Rinse and dry. Launder stuffed toys. Donate any unwanted toys.
• Wash switch plates
• Wash walls and trim
• Wash doors and door knobs
• Wash floor registers and other vent covers
• Wash curtains
• Clean under furniture
• Clean wall hangings
• Sweep and mop /vacuum and shampoo floors

LAUNDRY ROOM
• Open windows
• Wash windows and window sills
• Take out and wash window screens
• Wash cabinet doors
• Wash inside cabinets
• Wash laundry sink and clean drain.
• Wash outside of washer and dryer.
• Wash inside of washer.
• Wash lint trap with soap and water. Let air dry.
• Clean and organize shelves
• Empty trash
• Wash rug
• Clean light fixtures
• Wash switch plates
• Wash walls and trim
• Wash doors and door knobs
• Wash floor registers and other vent covers
• Sweep and wash floors
• Reseal grout lines.

STAIRWELLS
• Sweep/ vacuum stairs
• Spot clean walls
• Wipe down handrail
• Dust wall hangings
• Dust light fixtures

OUTSIDE
• Sweep porches and walkway
• Wash thresholds
• Wash exterior doors.
• Paint doors, if necessary
• Clean or replace welcome mat
• Wash siding

CARS
• clean out trash
• clean out toys
• wash car seat covers
• Vacuum floor and seats
• Shampoo floor and seats
• Wipe dash board
• Wipe all wall and secret pockets
• Wash windows inside and out
• Wash outside of car
• Wash tires
• Wash underneath of car

DON’T FORGET
• All family members need to take shower/bath.

NOTES
• Clean mattress: sprinkle baking soda on, let sit for short amount of time, and then vacuum it all up.
• Clean tub: 1 tsp liquid soap, 1 cup baking soda and several drops of tea tree oil. Make a paste and scrub with a brush.
• Clean shower head: pour ½ cup of baking soda, and 1 cup vinegar into a sandwich baggie. Wait for the foaming to stop and put the open end of bag over the shower head and tie to the showerhead stem with twine or ribbon or tape. Let soak for an hour, remove and clean with hot water and a clean cloth.
• Drain cleaner: take ½ cup of baking soda and dump down drain, followed by 1 cup of vinegar. Let sit for a few minutes and follow with boiling water to rinse.
• Clean oven: put 1 cup ammonia in a small bowl, and put it in a cooled, closed oven, overnight. The next morning, remove and toss the ammonia. Wipe down the inside of oven with damp sponge or rag dipped in baking soda.
• Clean blinds: take them down and place in your bath tub. Run warm water and add a couple of big squeezes of dish soap and about a cup of vinegar. Fill just until the water level comes up over the blinds. Give blinds a swish around the sudsy tub and then let soak for one hour. Come back and swish some more, drain tub. Rinse with clean water. Shake blinds gently and hang them back up to dry.
• Clean microwave: put 1 up of vinegar in a glass microwaveable bowl and microwave it on high until it’s boiling and has covered the walls of the microwave in condensation. (Takes about 5 mins.) Let sit for 3 mins. Carefully remove bowl of vinegar. With a cloth or paper towel, wipe surfaces clean. If there are some really stuck on messes, use a scrubby or food scraper. Wash the turntable and place back. Wipe down the outside with damp cloth.
• Clean and shine sinks: fill sink to the brim with hot water and at least 1 cup of vinegar. Let sit for half an hour. Drain. Mix baking soda and water to make a thin paste. Use a soft scrubby sponge to scrub the sink with this solution. Rinse. Place a small amount of olive oil on a soft rag and rub your sink down.
• Clean dishwasher: remove bottom rack and any visible food debris in the bottom of the dishwasher. Remove filters. Removing them will involve removing some screws or bolts. Be careful not to lose the screws. Clean the filters in a sink full of warm water and vinegar. Use a wet vac to remove all the water and debris in the bottom of your dishwasher and drain hole. If no wet vac, you can sop it up with a paper towel. Fill a spray bottle with vinegar and spray any yuckiness and wipe down. Don’t forget the inside bottom lip just below the door. Screw filters back in place. Use tweezers to remove any debris in spray holes in spinning arm. Use q-tips to clean hot air vents. Clean door edges and gasket with vinegar. If you have rust stains, mix baking soda and hydrogen peroxide and make a paste. Apply with a sponge and remove with a cloth. Make sure to wear gloves! Return the bottom rack. Turn the flatware caddy upside down. Fill the detergent trap with vinegar and place a bowl full of vinegar sitting in the top rack. Put the dishwasher through its warmest cycle.