

Beginning Stages

- View the apartment inspection checklist provided by your landlord.
- Take a look at everything on this list and customize everything you need to while ensuring each part gets done.

Every Room

- Ensure all walls have no nails or hooks. Fill in any gaps or holes and restore to prior condition.
- Thoroughly dust the area, especially hard-to-reach spots like ledges, tall shelves, the ceiling, and fans.
- Polish windows, including windowsills, surrounding walls, and baseboards.
- Clean floors: get rid of stains, deep clean carpets when necessary, etc.
- Get rid of cobwebs.
- Replace faulty light bulbs.
- Prepare often forgotten items like doorknobs, light switches, and outlet covers.

Bathroom(s)

- Thoroughly cleanse bathroom tiles.
- Bleach any dry concrete in shower or tub.
- Ensure toilet gets cleaned and replace toilet seat if you need to.
- De-clutter any cabinets or drawers while removing liners.
- Disinfect and scrub plumbing units and surfaces.
- Ensure mirror is free of any marks or damage.

Kitchen

- Declutter refrigerator, wipe it down, disinfect, and remove anything within.
- Thoroughly clean the stove: oven, burners, and pans.
- Sweep floor, especially near and behind appliances.
- Wipe down and disinfect countertops.
- Cleanse the sink, including knobs and faucet.

Bedroom(s) and Living Room

- After furniture is gone, dust, mop, and sweep the area.
- Mop the path from the most far away point in your living space to your door.

Exterior

- Ensure the garage is clean and free of all belongings.
- If you have a lawn to maintain, cut the grass and get rid of excess weeds.
- Remove any items that got placed on your land or a tree.

Ending the Process

- Contact your landlord to schedule one more tour of the property while referring to this list.
- Obtain a final copy of the landlord's inspection and notes for your records.
- Place keys where instructed.
- Make sure every single light in the property gets turned off.