

Spring Cleaning – a once a year deep cleaning to pack away winter and prepare for summer fun!

(*this checklist assumes you already regularly dust, vacuum, change bed linens etc)

house

- wipe down all doorknobs & touch-plates etc.
- walls & doors spot clean and touch up paint as needed
- clean all windows
- clean out junk drawers
- clean baseboards with damp cloth
- spot clean rugs and couch cushions
- clean fans and blinds and mirrors
- move all furniture and vacuum and dust behind and under

kitchen

- empty and clean all cabinets and drawers – replace lining if necessary
- clean fridge, defrost and clean freezer, toss expired food
- remove everything from pantry, clean shelves organize and toss expired food
- pull out fridge and sweep and mop underneath
- deep clean the oven

bathrooms

- clean out all cabinets and drawers, wipe down, toss expired items
- wash shower curtains and replace the plastic liner
- wash bathmat

bedrooms

- pull everything out of closets and dressers – clean shelves, walls etc.
- replace cedar or lavender sachets
- pack away winter clothes
- donate clothes you no longer wear
- vacuum and flip the mattress
- replace your pillows if necessary

backyard

- clean patio furniture
- power wash deck or drive
- clean the BBQ
- clean the sandbox – organize sand toys
- clean outside play toys

laundry

- wash all bedding blankets, rugs and mats
- wash reusable grocery bags
- clean out linen closet, toss frayed or ripped bedding and towels
- wash all curtains
- pull out washer and dryer and sweep and mop underneath

kid stuff

- clean out diaper bag if you have one
- sort through kids clothes, what no longer fits, donate remove clothes with holes or stains - make a list of things need to be replaced
- wash sneakers and polish leather shoes
- ensure Wellie boots and raincoat are the correct size and are in good order
- look over school uniform ensure all clothes still fit and are labeled
- wash the kid's school bag if needed, or wipe with a damp cloth
- sort through toys, if games are missing pieces, cycle them out, remove and donate toys that are too young or no longer played with
- deep clean the bath toys

media & lifestyle

- collect USB keys together in 1 place, back-up if necessary
- download all digital photos from cameras and phones etc.
- back up your data, especially images from your computer to external hard drive or cloud based backup
- organize your Netflix or Lovefilm queue
- update your contacts in your phone
- thoroughly clean all remotes and game controllers and your computer keyboard
- wipe down and clean out all purses and handbags
- sort and label all computer and camera cables
- change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detector
- check date on fire extinguisher
- change furnace filter