

Professional Cleaning For The Do-It-Your-Selfer

OUTSIDE

- Tend to your lawn and yard in general; mow it, weed it, and even fertilize it if the grass looks shabby. If you have dead patches, re-sodding is ideal.
- Prune and trim trees and bushes; make sure they are looking in tip-top shape.
- Declutter the exterior areas of your home; stow personal belongings out of sight.
- Tidy and arrange outdoor furniture.
- Add colourful accents through flower pots and other décor to brighten up the exterior.
- Pressure wash your home exterior as well as dirty/stained concrete.
- Re-stain wooden decks and patios as required.
- Repaint exterior cladding if needed.
- Make sure your outside lights work; replace any bulbs if need be and clean fixtures of dirt.
- Shovel and salt any outdoor concrete pads including walkways and driveways during the winter.
- Ensure all exterior doors are in good condition with no squeaking door hinges.

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- Consider refinishing wooden doors if they appear weathered or damaged in any way.
- Fix any cracked concrete or asphalt on walkways and sidewalks around your home.
- Remove accumulating debris from gutters and roofs which can be hazardous for visitors.

WHOLE HOUSE

- Lubricate squeaky doors, cabinets and windows with some WD40.
- Clean mirrors, light switches, handles, accessory lights and baseboards.
- Wipe down walls with mild (test) cleaner.
- Dust window treatments, fans, lights, lampshades, etc.
- Organize closets and make neat stacks.
- Use colorful plants to brighten things up.
- Remove smelly odours; put pet litters outside or in the garage.

Garage

- Perform a complete clean.
- Repaint garage door if required.

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- Ensure the garage door mechanism is in good working order.
- Pack anything you can live without and store it out of sight.
- Remove junk, old tools and other clutter which isn't needed.
- Organize your belongings in a neat fashion.

Bathrooms

- Clean toilets, sinks and bathtubs/shower thoroughly.
- Remove all stains from all surfaces.
- Clean/Replace shower curtains.
- Replace old looking mats.
- Leave fresh soap and toilet paper.
- Put all toiletries away.
- Clean exhaust fan.
- Hide garbage cans and cleaning supplies.
- Fold towels on the rack neatly.
- Replace caulking to make the sink/shower look new.
- Purchase new towels if necessary.
- Clean/organize drawers and storage cabinets.
- Coordinate linens by colours.

Kitchens

- Store any unnecessary appliances out of sight.

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- Thoroughly clean every nook and cranny of the kitchen.
- Clean visible appliances inside and out.
- Clean kitchen backsplash if required.
- Clean exhaust fan hood.
- Remove all items from countertops.
- Hide personal items such as family photos and bills.
- Leave a fresh soap jar for the sink.
- Remove fridge clutter such as magnets.
- Deep clean inside the refrigerator.
- Throw out the garbage if full.
- Organize the pantry to look neat and tidy.
- Keep all mops, brooms, vacuums, etc. out of sight.

Dining Room

- Keep the dining table clear, except for one centre piece art or flower pot
- Remove extra chairs from the table and dining area
- Remove extra sections of the table to reduce table size and make the room larger
- The table should have four to six chairs max
- Keep any glass cabinetry and storage shelves clean and tidy

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- Clean the floor thoroughly and remove any stains with stain remover

Bedrooms

- Make beds on a daily basis
- Organize clothes in closet; colour code if possible
- Clear off bedside tables, dressers and shelves
- Vacuum floor and window sills
- Remove all personal belongings
- Keep closet doors closed for showings
- Remove all wall décor except for tasteful pieces
- Repair any holes and damage to baseboards, drywall and ceiling

Laundry & Mud Rooms

- Put away soap and other cleaning supplies, hidden from sight if possible
- Keep all surfaces clean and empty
- Clean floors, countertops and sink thoroughly
- Remove dirty clothing; store in washer/dryer if required
- Clean out storage cabinets, shelves and closets