



## Pre-Moving Out Cleaning Guidelines

Prior to conducting your move-out walkthrough, make sure that you properly prepare the rental property to avoid deductions from your security deposit where possible. The expectation is that you will leave the property in the same condition (except for normal wear and tear) as it was when your lease began. **You may want to consider hiring a professional to do a move-out cleaning and have the carpets professionally cleaned.**

- Carpets should be vacuumed. If dirt or stains are present, professional carpet cleaning may be required
- Clean all surfaces - baseboards, molding, doors, woodwork, windowsills, heater vents
- Clean closets, shelves, and doors and discard hangers
- Clean light fixtures and replace all light bulbs that are "burnt out"
- Remove dust and dirt from blinds
- Remove dust and cobwebs for corners, ceilings, and stairways
- Floors must be swept and dirt removed
- Use Magic Eraser to remove marks from walls
- Remove all nails and hooks from walls and ceilings
- Sweep patios and decks and remove leaves and dirt
- All trash/debris, boxes, and personal belongings must be removed
- Sweep and clean the garage if present

### Kitchen

- Cabinets, doors, handles, shelves, and drawers must be cleaned and residue, handprints, and grease removed
- Refrigerator, freezer, stove, broiler, oven, and range hood must be clean, grease removed
- Dishwasher must be clean inside and out
- All countertops and appliance surfaces must be free of dust and food
- Sink and faucet must be clean

### Bathrooms

- Soap residue and stains must be removed from sinks, drains, and faucets
- Toilet including base and tank must be clean
- Medicine cabinets, shelves, drawers, and vanities must be clean - no hair, shampoo, razors, etc.
- All tile surfaces must be scrubbed free of mildew and soap residue