



## Spring Cleaning Tips

Spring is a time to address tasks which go above and beyond your regular cleaning routine. Get the whole household involved by delegating and sharing the work. Pick one room or major task each time you tackle the list. Don't try to do it all in one day!

### General:

- **Corners & Ceilings:** Wash or wipe ceiling fans & use a broom to swipe away cobwebs from ceiling corners.
- **Trimwork:** Wash light switches, door knobs, tops of door frames, & moldings in doors using a mild cleanser.
- **Vacuum:** Empty & clean central vacuum canister, or replace filters on vacuum cleaner.
- **Blinds & Drapes:** Vacuum dust off blinds or take down & soak in the tub. Launder or dry clean drapes.
- **Furnace:** Replace the furnace filter to reduce overall dust in your home.

### Entrances & Mud Room:

- **Pack Away:** Pack away winter clothes & sports gear. Donate good-quality items which won't be used next year.
- **Surfaces:** Wipe down shelving, drawers, & closet floor. Use 1 tsp vinegar in 1 c warm water to remove salt residue.
- **New Season:** Unpack spring/summer gear. Donate items which the kids have outgrown.

### Bedrooms:

- **Pack Away:** Pack away winter clothes. Donate good-quality items which you didn't wear all season.
- **Edges & Corners:** Vacuum closet floor, baseboards, & wipe shelving before bringing out spring/summer wardrobe.
- **Bedding:** Launder or dry clean mattress pads, comforters, duvets, & pillows.

### Kitchen:

- **Inside Fridge:** Wash all surfaces & discard old condiments. Wipe surfaces with vanilla extract to reduce odours.
- **Oven:** Clean all surfaces in oven, stovetop, drip pans, & control knobs.
- **Pantry:** Discard expired items & donate tinned goods you may not use. Wash cupboards, shelves & cutlery tray.

### Bathrooms:

- **Shower Curtain:** Launder in warm water with a towel, detergent, & vinegar to clean soap scum & mildew.
- **Cabinets:** Discard old cosmetics & expired medication, then wash shelving & drawers.
- **Light Fixtures:** Wipe dust off bulbs & fixtures. Switch off & wait until bulbs are cool to prevent breakage.

### Tips & Tricks:

- Let warm water & baking soda soak in garbage pails & recycling bins to eliminate odour.
- Wipe a new dryer sheet over both sides of clean blinds so they repel dust.
- Soak toilet brush in bleach & water to sanitize. If bristles are flat, it's time for a new one!