

## Checklist to Find Your Summer Cleaning Bliss

*Ready to make your property  
look like a new home for summer?*

*Here's a complete checklist to help make summer cleaning less stressful.*

Even if you consciously try to keep your home fresh and clutter-free, junk has a way of accumulating over the years regardless of your cleaning efforts. With summer just around the corner, now is the perfect time to give your home a thorough summer cleaning, but it's often hard to know where to start with such a gargantuan task. How can you part with items that hold sentimental value despite being useless? What are you supposed to do with hazardous household waste?

Needless to say, you'll feel happy once your summer cleaning efforts are over and your home feels like new, which is why we've made a checklist to help you stay organized, focused, and stress-free as you turn your property upside down. If you take the tips detailed below on board, you'll proudly host guests this summer, do your part for the environment, and enjoy the warm weather to its maximum potential.



# A Complete Guide to Summer Cleaning

Summer cleaning doesn't have to be a nightmarish chore if you know how to approach it. The following pointers will help you make a huge success of your cleaning efforts. Just remember to get the whole family involved because it's for their benefit, too!






## **Organize the Clutter**

The first thing you need to do when cleaning your home is get rid of the junk that's stealing your precious floor space. Here's how you can start to declutter your home:

- ✓ Place three bins in each room labelled 'Sell,' 'Donate,' and 'Junk'.
- ✓ Start by putting the visible clutter in each of these boxes. You may also want to have a container to store things you plan to keep.
- ✓ Avoid putting the things you intend to keep away for now. You'll need to go through your cupboards at a later stage.
- ✓ When you've finished organizing the clutter in each room, go through the 'Junk' box to separate anything that's recyclable.
- ✓ Your home should now be starting to look much tidier, meaning it's time to move on to the next step.

## **Get Rid of Things You No Longer Need**

Now that you've organized your clutter, it's time to go a step further and start digging through your cupboards and drawers to find things you no longer use. The more junk you throw out, the more spare room you have for new summer purchases. Here's how you can remain strict and only keep what's necessary:

-  Starting with the bedrooms, empty the contents of your cupboards and drawers onto the floor or bed.
-  Ask yourself the question: "When did I last wear this?" If the answer is 'over a year ago', throw it out, though make sure to keep seasonal clothes that you'll need during the colder times of the year. Remember, the stricter you are, the more clutter you'll eliminate.
-  Recycle damaged or unwearable clothes at a textiles recycling center.

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- ✓ Next, move on to the kitchen. Cupboard by cupboard, start asking yourself the same question to get rid of things you don't need. If you haven't used something in over a year, you probably never will.




For the next step, we're going to look at how seemingly useless junk can be repurposed, allowing you to help the environment and create unique furnishings.





## **Repurpose Old Household Items**

Unfortunately, you're always going to come across junk that doesn't belong in a landfill when tidying your home from top to bottom. Of course, you can't always donate items or sell damaged goods, but you can repurpose more than you might expect if you think outside the box. Here's how you can repurpose old and used belongings:

-  You can turn just about anything with a hollow center into a homemade plant pot, such as tires, old shoes, empty containers and even full chests of drawers.
-  Get creative with old wooden crates. You can turn them into tables, chairs or artwork for the indoors or vertical planters and furniture for the garden.
-  Remember to keep all food waste separate to make nutritious compost for your beautiful summer plants.







## **Donate, Sell, Recycle or Bin?**

In the USA, half of all recyclable waste ends up in a landfill, which damages the environment, destroys habitats, and even causes human illness in certain situations. Here's what you can do to reduce the amount of waste that needlessly gets thrown into landfills:

- ✓ At this stage, you probably have lots of bins and containers full of junk, and it should all be in neatly organized piles if you followed the steps outlined under the heading 'Organize the Clutter'.
- ✓ Hold a yard sale and make some extra pocket money with everything in your 'Sell' boxes. You'd be surprised by the value others can find in your junk.
- ✓ Take everything in the 'Donate' boxes to a charity shop or hire a retrieval company to donate it for you.
- ✓ If you have lots of 'Junk' boxes, the easiest way to dispose of everything responsibly is to call a waste retrieval company that separates all recyclables.

## **How to Get Rid of Hazardous Household Waste**

Each year, the average American household produces over 20 pounds of hazardous household waste, which is defined by the EPA as anything that can react, explode, or has toxic or corrosive properties. Here's how you can dispose of hazardous household waste responsibly:

-  Take unused medications back to the Pharmacy from where you purchased them.
-  Never pour paints, adhesives or leftover cosmetics down the drain. Your local council may offer guidance regarding recycling, or you can call the manufacturer for advice.
-  You should take old batteries and electronics to a dedicated recycling center.
-  Contact the police to find out how to safely dispose of ammunition and explosives.

## Cleaning and Junk Disposal

Now, your home should be feeling fresher and more inviting, and all that's left to do is clean the floors, scrub the windows, and give everything a thorough dusting before deodorizing each room. However, you may still have boxes of junk to deal with before you can call spring cleaning a job well done.





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