Move-out cleaning checklist

What a landlord checks, room by room. Tick each one before you hand back the keys.

Kitchen

- [ ] Inside the oven, and the drawer under it (a broiler or a warming drawer)
- [ ] The range hood filter (it slides out)
- [ ] Behind and under the refrigerator and the stove (both roll out)
- [ ] The refrigerator door seals, including the underside of each fold
- [ ] Inside every cabinet and drawer (emptying is not cleaning)

Bathrooms

- [ ] The grout
- [ ] The base of the toilet
- [ ] The shower door track
- [ ] The exhaust fan cover (it unclips; clean the lint behind it)

Throughout the home

- [ ] Baseboards, washed rather than wiped
- [ ] The tops of door frames
- [ ] The tops of ceiling fan blades
- [ ] Blinds, slat by slat, both sides
- [ ] Window glass, and the tracks below it
- [ ] Corners, and the strip of carpet along each wall

Laundry

- [ ] The dryer lint trap
- [ ] The space behind the washer and dryer

Before you hand back the keys

- [ ] Every scrap of trash out: bags, flattened boxes, the patio
- [ ] Burnt-out light bulbs (usually the tenant's; check your lease)
- [ ] Your lease's cleaning clause, read and met
- [ ] Dated photos of every room, inside the oven and refrigerator too
- [ ] Your forwarding address, given to the landlord in writing

Notes

In Texas, a landlord may not keep any part of a security deposit for normal wear and tear (Texas Property Code section 92.104). This is general information, not legal advice; your lease governs your tenancy.

What each item means, and what Texas counts as wear and tear: **cpccleaningbcs.com/move-out-cleaning-checklist-college-station**

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