

## New Home Cleaning Checklist

### Bathrooms

- ☐ Wipe down windows, mirrors, cabinets, and bathroom hardware
- ☐ Scrub the tub and shower - use a scrub brush for tough dirt and make sure your cleaning solution is specific to your shower material.
- ☐ Disinfect the toilet - Don't forget to get the base of the toilet
- ☐ Clean the counter & sink - use an old toothbrush to scrub around seams and tight spaces

### Kitchen

- ☐ Wipe Cabinets and drawers
- ☐ Clean the major appliances
- ☐ Dishwasher
  - Soak the racks and filter in warm water and distilled vinegar
  - Wipe out all food particles
  - Fill a bowl with 1 cup of white vinegar and run the dishwasher on a hot water cycle.
  - After the first cycle ends, remove the bowl and sprinkle 1 cup of baking soda across the bottom and run on a short cycle
- ☐ Stove
  - Soak all racks and drip pans in hot, soapy water
  - With an oven cleaner solution, clean the inside of the oven.
  - Use a grease remover to clean the range hood.
  - Wipe the top of the stove, drawers, and dials with the proper cleaning utensils
  - Clean the floor under the stove
  - Scrub the elements soaking and reassemble

- ☐ Refrigerator
  - Remove drawers and bins and wash them with hot soap and water
  - Wipe out the inside of the fridge
  - Pull out the fridge and dust and wipe the sides and the back. Clean the floor and reassemble
- ☐ Clean the sink - pour baking soda and water down the drain to remove odors
- ☐ Wipe counters and the backsplash

### Other Common Areas

- ☐ Dust light fixtures, fans, and vents
- ☐ Dust and wipe closet shelves, window sills, baseboards, doorknobs, and light switches
- ☐ Clean the floors
  - Carpet - Vacuum, steam clean the carpet, and then vacuum again
  - Wood - Sweep well first and use a wood floor cleaner to mop (make sure the mop isn't too wet so you don't damage the flooring)
  - Other - Sweep well first and then mop with the appropriate cleaning solution for the floor type.
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