











Short-term Rental Cleaning Guide

-  **Ventilate rooms**
Open windows and allow air to circulate during the entire cleaning process.
-  **Wash your hands before and after cleaning**
Use soap and water, and scrub for at least 20 seconds.
-  **Wear masks and disposable gloves while cleaning**
Dispose of gloves after cleaning and wash your hands after removing gloves.
-  **Clean surfaces before disinfecting**
Use soap or detergent and water to remove dirt and other impurities.
Then, disinfect using chemicals like bleach or alcohol to kill germs.
-  **Use approved disinfectants**
Most common disinfectants registered by the Environmental Protection Agency are believed to be effective against the coronavirus. Diluted household bleach solutions and cleaning products with at least 70% alcohol are also believed to be effective.
Shortcut to the EPA approved list: <https://tinyurl.com/COVID-Cleaners>
Pay special attention to the contact time required for the disinfectant to be effective. The contact time is listed on the product label.
-  **Follow instructions for using cleaning supplies**
Never mix household bleach with ammonia or other cleaning supplies. Doing so can release toxic gasses. Remember to check the expiration date on your cleaning supplies.
-  **Pay special attention to frequently touched surfaces**
A list is provided on Pages 2 and 3 however the contents of each house may vary.
-  **Don't forget about sofas, rugs, drapes, and other soft, porous surfaces.**
Remove visible dirt, then use appropriate cleaners for the material. If possible, machine-wash items according to manufacturer's instructions. Disinfectant sprays are also believed to be effective.
-  **Wash linens at the highest heat setting recommended by the manufacturer**
Bed sheets, mattress covers, hand and bath towels, kitchen towels and blankets.
Wear gloves when handling dirty laundry.
-  **Empty the vacuum cleaner after every cleaning.**
Disinfect the vacuum cleaner surfaces

Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces.

This list is meant to be helpful but may not be comprehensive for all houses.

General:

- Doorknobs
- Fans and lamp chains
- Garbage and recycling bins
- Hairdryers
- Ironing boards and irons
- Keys
- Light switches
- Railings
- Remote controls
- Tabletops
- Thermostats
- Window sills and window locks

Kitchen:

- Appliances: coffee maker, dishwasher, oven, toaster, etc
- Cabinet handles and pulls
- Condiments: oil, sal, pepper shakers, spices and containers
- Hard-backed chairs
- Kitchenware that is not dishwasher safe: ceramic bowls, kids' plasticware, etc
- Sinks

Bathrooms:

- Faucet handles
- Shower curtains and doors
- Showers and tubs
- Sinks
- Toilets
- Items included in "General" category: doorknobs, garbage bins, lamps, light switches, remote controls, thermostats, windows, etc

Bedrooms:

- Hangers and luggage racks

- Nightstands
- Items included in "General" category: doorknobs, garbage bins, lamps, light switches, remote controls, thermostats, windows, etc

Laundry Room and Cleaning Appliances:

- Brooms, mops and other frequently touched items
- Vacuum cleaners
- Washer and Dryer
- Items included in "General" category: doorknobs, garbage bins, lamps, light switches, remote controls, thermostats, windows, etc

Children's items

- High chairs
- Portable cribs
- Toys

Other amenities

- Beach equipment
- Board games
- Books, DVDs, etc
- Grill/BBQ and utensils