

# 6 Tips To Clean Your Old Home When Moving Out

## Talk With Your Landlord Beforehand

Many landlords have photos for reference or cleaning checklists to ensure the house is completely clean—others even prefer to tackle certain tasks for themselves. So, the best way to be sure is by asking your landlord before anything else.



## Identify The Crucial Areas To Clean

While you can get a cleaning checklist online (or from your landlord), most lists will cover general tasks. Walk through every room in the house to check for areas that need cleaning the most and create a personalized checklist.



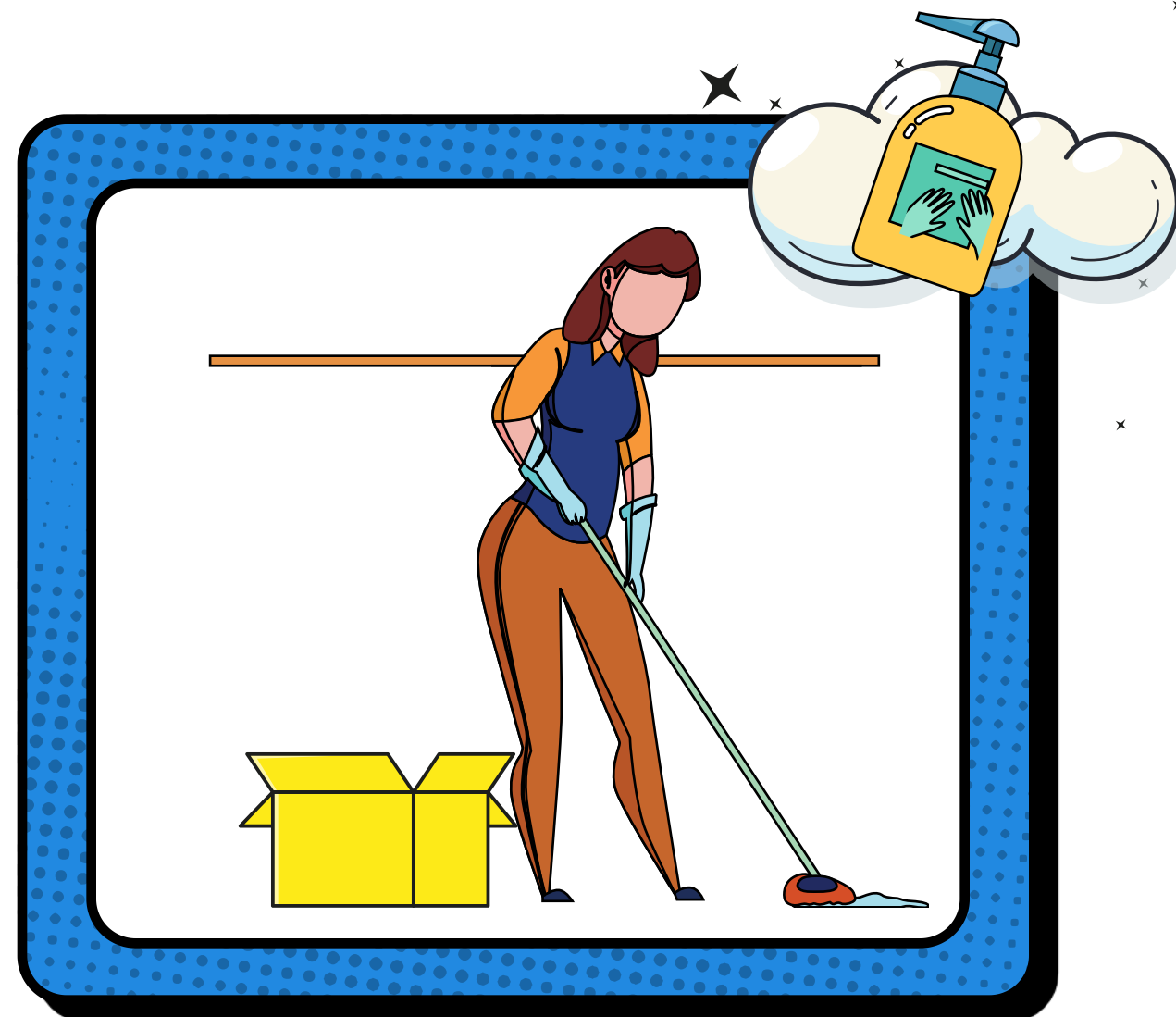
## Clean A Few Days Before The Lease Ends

Depending on your place's size or how busy you are, even a whole day may not be enough to clean it from top to bottom. Cleaning a few days before handing over the property will give you time to notice more things you should tackle.



## Wait Until The House Is Empty

The easiest way to clean every corner of your old place—and recover your deposit—is to take everything out first. If possible, schedule your move in advance so you have enough time to clean the place once it's empty.



## Clean As You Pack Your Things

If you can't empty the house in advance, you can always clean as you go. Once you take everything out of one room, give it a good scrub and wipe. Start from the bedrooms and bathrooms, and leave big or difficult rooms at the end.



## Take Pictures After Cleaning

Even if you're sure you've cleaned your old place to the smallest detail, anything can happen. Make sure to document the state of the house once you've finished cleaning to avoid misunderstandings with your landlord.

