

Vacation Rental Cleaning Checklist

Designed for short-term rental operators who need both turnover tasks and deeper rotation checks: cleaner handoff notes, supplies, safety items, inventory counts, maintenance notes, owner review, and final room photos.

FORMAT

Printable PDF checklist

CATEGORY

Cleaning

EDITABLE ONLINE

<https://printablelistmaker.com/vacation-rental-cleaning-checklist/>

Checklist

- ☐ 1. Separate same-day turnover tasks from weekly or monthly deep-clean tasks
- ☐ 2. Strip beds, start laundry, inspect linens, and replace stained or damaged items
- ☐ 3. Confirm the cleaner handoff notes for late checkout, early check-in, pets, events, or owner stays
- ☐ 4. Clean bathrooms, kitchen, floors, entry, bedrooms, outdoor areas, and high-touch surfaces
- ☐ 5. Restock towels, toiletries, paper goods, coffee, trash bags, dish supplies, and guest basics
- ☐ 6. Count owner inventory for towels, linens, coffee, paper goods, batteries, remotes, and spare bulbs
- ☐ 7. Check appliances, remotes, Wi-Fi card, locks, lights, thermostat, smoke alarms, and house guide
- ☐ 8. Inspect for guest items, maintenance issues, odors, pests, stains, and property damage
- ☐ 9. Photograph finished rooms, supply stations, exterior entry, and any damage notes
- ☐ 10. Schedule deeper rotation tasks such as grout, upholstery, vents, windows, and inventory counts

Planning note

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Tips

Separate turnover and deep-clean tasks

Same-day turnover should focus on guest-visible condition, linens, bathrooms, kitchen, floors, supplies, and safety checks. Deeper items like grout, upholstery, vents, and inventory counts can rotate weekly or monthly.

Use supply thresholds

A vacation rental checklist works better when it includes minimum levels for towels, toiletries, coffee, dish supplies, paper goods, and trash bags. Cleaners should know when to restock or flag owner inventory.

Common questions

What is the difference between Airbnb turnover and vacation rental cleaning?

A turnover checklist focuses on the fast reset between guests. A vacation rental cleaning checklist can also include deeper rotation tasks, inventory checks, maintenance notes, exterior areas, and owner review tasks.

Should vacation rental cleaners take photos?

Yes. Finished-room photos help hosts confirm guest-ready condition, supplies, placement, damage notes, and whether deeper cleaning tasks need to be scheduled.

Add owner review fields

Owner review should be fast: confirm final photos, supply levels, safety checks, inventory count, guest-left items, damage notes, and any skipped rotation task. This gives remote hosts a simple decision record before the next booking.

What should owners review after a vacation rental clean?

Owners or co-hosts should review final room photos, entry condition, supply levels, inventory notes, maintenance flags, damage photos, and any skipped deep-clean rotation tasks.
