

# Ultimate Vacate Cleaning Checklist

Ensure every detail is covered for a stress-free move-out and to maximize your bond refund

## General Interior Cleaning

- Thoroughly vacuum sliding door tracks, removing all dust and grime from tracks and edges.
- Sweep, mop, and remove any scuff marks on all non-carpeted floors. Check corners and hidden spots for dust build-up.
- Carpets: Cleaned professionally by a certified Carpet Cleaner to meet Australian Standards. Keep an invoice as proof.
- Pest Treatment: Required if pets were kept at the property. Use a licensed pest control service and retain an invoice detailing services rendered.
- Light Fixtures: Carefully remove light covers, wipe off dust, and clean any dead bugs or dirt.
- Walls & Light Switches: Gently remove any visible marks or fingerprints from walls, skirting boards, and switches.
- Dust all skirting boards, window frames, sills, architraves, and door edges on both sides.
- Curtains & Blinds: Clean according to material. Check with your property manager for specific cleaning guidelines.
- Remove all cobwebs, insect marks, and nests, especially in corners and high ceilings.

## Kitchen

- Cabinets & Drawers: Clean both inside and outside of all cupboards and drawers, removing any stains or residue.
- Stovetop: Thoroughly clean around burners and control knobs, removing any grease or splatters.
- Oven & Griller: Clean oven racks, glass, doors, and interior. Ensure no grease or burnt residue is left.
- Refrigerator & Dishwasher Spaces: Clean behind and around spaces, ensuring all surfaces are spotless.

- Sink & Tapware: Remove any stains and clean drain holes, drainers, and tapware to a shine.
- Range Hood: Clean the exhaust filter and replace it if necessary. Remove grease and dirt from the exterior.

### **Bathroom**

- Surfaces: Clean walls, floors, mirrors, and all glass surfaces, including window tracks.
- Cupboards & Drawers: Clean both inside and out, removing dust and any items left behind.
- Fixtures: Scrub toilet, shower, bath, and sink. Remove soap scum and any stains from tiles and shower screens.
- Wardrobe & Closet Spaces: Clean shelves, drawers, and mirrored doors. Ensure all scuff marks are removed.
- Shower Curtain: Wash with bleach or replace if it shows any signs of mold or mildew.

### **Laundry**

- Washing Machine Area: Clean behind the washing machine and remove any lint or debris.
- Dryer: Clean the lint filter and remove any accumulated dust or lint around the machine.
- Laundry Tub: Clean inside, outside, and around the tub, ensuring drains and tapware are spotless.
- Walls & Floor: Ensure the walls, ceiling, and floors are completely clean and free from dust or stains.

### **Outdoor Areas**

- Verandah/Decks: Sweep and mop the area, clean railings, glass panels, and light fixtures.
- Remove cobwebs and insect nests from all exterior walls, ceilings, and corners.

### **Garage, Carport & Driveway**

- Garage: Sweep out all debris and remove oil or other residue from floors.
- Bins: Empty and clean Council bins, and place them on the footpath for collection if required.
- Garage Door: Ensure it's clean and in working order. Lock before leaving.

### **Gardens, Lawns, and Pool**

- Lawn: Mow, trim edges, and ensure any weeds are removed.
- Garden Beds: Weed and tidy up. Remove any personal plants or decorations.

Pool: Return to the condition noted in the condition report. Obtain a pool test report on your move-out date if required by your agent.

### **If Furnished**

Inventory Check: Ensure all items are clean, undamaged, and in their original locations as per the inventory list.

### **Additional Moving Out Tasks**

Utility Disconnection: Confirm that electricity, water, and gas services are scheduled for disconnection.

Damage Inspection: Check for and repair any damages. Common issues include wall scuffs, light fixture replacements, and cabinet scratches.

Garden & Lawn Care: Ensure all garden areas are tidy, including weeding, lawn mowing, and checking pots/plants for cleanliness.

Keys & Documentation: Gather all property keys, remotes, and access cards for handover. Have all required cleaning and service receipts on hand.