



# Mastering Apartment Maintenance: The Ultimate Resident's Guide

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# **ABSTRACT**

Property management can be quite a daunting task, especially when there's a variety of maintenance activities to juggle. However, implementing a well-crafted apartment maintenance checklist can simplify the process.

Regular apartment maintenance can prevent small issues from becoming major damage or an emergency. A checklist streamlines regular maintenance, ultimately saving you precious time and resources while ensuring your apartment remains in pristine condition.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Maintaining an apartment property is a crucial aspect of property management that ensures the longevity of the building, the satisfaction of tenants, and the overall success of the investment. Effective property maintenance involves a combination of routine checks, prompt repairs, and strategic planning. In this blog post, we'll explore the essentials of property maintenance in apartments and provide tips to keep your property in top condition.

## **I. A Guide to Effective Apartment Maintenance Checklists: What You Need to Know**

With a systematic approach, what might initially seem overwhelming becomes efficiently manageable, paving the way for smoother property operations. Make sure you check who's responsible for a problem you notice before calling in maintenance workers. Consult your lease agreement for clarification. It explains property manager responsibilities and tenant responsibilities.



## What is an Apartment Maintenance Checklist, and Why is it Important?

An apartment maintenance checklist is a comprehensive document listing tasks to keep your property in excellent shape.

Imagine an apartment maintenance checklist as your handy guide that tells you all the jobs you need to do to keep your apartment in shape. It's super important because it helps you catch small issues before they turn into big, expensive problems. Keeping an apartment building maintenance checklist can save you money.

Plus, when your apartment is well-kept, your tenants are happier. And happy tenants are more likely to stick around for longer. So, a good checklist can be your secret tool to prevent damages, avoid big repair bills, and keep your tenants smiling.

## How to Find the Right Maintenance Team?

Getting the right team to help you with apartment maintenance is super important. They should be able to handle a whole bunch of jobs like:

- Fixing electrical issues
- Sorting out plumbing problems fast
- Maintaining the heating and cooling system (HVAC System) (e.g. change filters quarterly)
- Repair floors, Clean Carpets, re-polish wooden floors when needed
- Keeping the walls and ceilings in good shape (e.g. refresh with a coat of paint)
- Cleaning the apartment
- Repairing or replacing appliances (check to make sure if your warranty covers it)



You want a maintenance team that has the right experience, has great communication, has competitive prices, and is responsive. If your team (plumber, cleaner, handy-man) can get to your unit faster and fix the issues, that is very valuable because your tenants will be happy, and this saves you money in the long run.

## Apartment Maintenance Checklist

An apartment maintenance checklist is like a to-do list that helps keep your apartment in tip-top shape. It covers many different parts of your apartment and includes many tasks.

Let's look at what you might find in an apartment preventive maintenance checklist.

### General Rental Property Maintenance:

It is all about the big components that are common to all parts of the apartment:

- Look at your floors – are there any stains, holes, or damage on the carpet? If you have hardwood or tile floors, ensure no loose planks or tiles and check for scratches or cracks.
- Walls and ceilings need a check-up too. Look for chipped paint, holes from nails or TV mounts, or water stains that might show a leak somewhere.
- Windows and doors should open and close smoothly. Ensure there's no damage to the glass or door frames and that the locks are working properly.
- Appliances – are all the appliances working well? Have the tenants been cleaning the filters and making sure to maintain the appliances well?
- Systems – are all the heating and cooling systems working as expected? Have you kept up the maintenance?

Plumbing – have you inspected all the faucets and drains? Are there any leaks that are costing you extra utility bills?

## Living Room Maintenance:

It includes looking after the things you'd typically find in a living room:

- Is there any damage to the paint on the walls or to the carpet on the floor?
- Check all the windows in the living room. Do they open and close okay, and are there any glass or window screens damaged? Is there any chipped paint?
- Make sure all the electrical outlets and lights are safe and working.



## Kitchen Maintenance:

It is all about keeping your cooking space clean and safe:

- Check all your appliances, like your fridge, stove, and dishwasher, to ensure they work properly.
- Inspect the plumbing systems, like your sink and garbage disposal, for any issues.
- Make sure all your cabinets open and close properly and that they're secure on the wall.

## Bathroom Maintenance:

It focuses on keeping your bathroom functional and leak-free:

- Look for any leaks in your sink, toilet, or bathtub.
- Check all your bathroom fixtures, like faucets and showerheads, to ensure they work properly.

- Make sure your bathroom has proper ventilation to prevent mold and mildew.
- Make sure our tenant is adhering to your lease agreement and keeping the tub and toilet clean and free of debris.
- Make sure all the electrical outlets and lights are safe and working.

### Bedroom Maintenance:

It ensures your sleeping space is safe and comfortable:

- Check the windows and doors in your bedroom to make sure they open and close properly and that the locks work.
- Make sure all the lights in your bedroom are working. This includes the main light, as well as any lamps or nightlights.
- Look around the whole room to make sure it's structurally sound. That means making sure there are no big cracks in the walls or ceiling and that the floor is solid and safe to walk on.

### Outdoor Lights and Walkway:

Your apartment complex should always have plenty of lights outside, so you can safely walk to and from your apartment. Here's what to look for:

- Check that all outdoor lights are working and bright enough to see clearly.
- Keep the path to your building clean and free from things like fallen leaves or branches.
- Ensure the path is in good shape, with no broken bricks or stones.
- Ensure your light bulbs are functioning properly. If a light is out in a common area or hallway, inform your landlord immediately.

### Porch or Balcony

If you have a porch or balcony, there are a few things you should keep an eye on:

- Look at the tiles or wood for any cracks or splinters.
- Check that stairs are safe to walk on and not slippery.
- Make sure all railings are strong and secure.
- If you have a lawn or garden, keep it well maintained, clean and check it regularly to make sure everything's okay



## Pest Control

A pest-free environment is crucial for your tenants. The best way to do that is:

- Familiarize yourself with local pest species for proactive prevention.
- Take immediate action upon rodent sightings, using humane traps for capture and release.
- Regularly evaluate the need for pest control services, and schedule them as needed.

## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are super important because they can save your life. Here's what you need to do:

- Change the batteries once or twice a year.
- Test them every month to make sure they're working.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen and check it every year.

If you have a fireplace but no carbon monoxide detector, get one and put it near the fireplace.

## Locks

Renting out a property? Make sure it's secure. Take these steps to make sure it's safe:

- Consider changing the locks before a new tenant moves in for enhanced security.
- Verify the locks' functionality on the day of tenant move-in to ensure they are secure.
- Keep a spare set of keys for an emergency, and ensure your tenants have an extra set as well.

An apartment complex maintenance checklist is a simple and helpful tool. It reminds you of what you must do to keep your apartment in good condition. If you stick to the checklist, you'll find it easier to manage maintenance tasks, and your tenants will be happy with a well-kept apartment!

### Air Conditioning Systems and Filters

It's important not to overlook your air conditioner. Here's what you can do:

- No matter what kind of air conditioner you have, always remember to change or clean its filters every three months.
- If your air filters aren't a throw-away kind, simply rinse them with water. But ensure it's completely dry before putting it back into the unit.

### How to Lower Your Cost of Maintenance?

Most landlords (89%) handle repairs themselves, but 11% don't. As a result, tenants have to take care of the place. That's why cost reduction is a vital aspect of property management. Also, offering your tenants DIY solutions for simple repairs can significantly reduce maintenance costs. For instance, providing a free online video tutorial on unclogging a bathroom sink can save a plumber's visit.

An apartment maintenance checklist is an essential tool for effective property management. It's not just about maintaining the property but also about saving money, preventing accidents, and keeping your tenants happy. With a dedicated team, a clear checklist, and the right accounting tools like Baselane, managing your apartment maintenance tasks can be less hassle and more of a breeze.





Always read and understand your lease agreement thoroughly, as it can provide critical guidelines on maintenance responsibilities for both you and your landlord. Save yourself time and headaches by doing preventative maintenance regularly.

## **II. How to organize a small apartment, according to the professionals**



Trying to organize (or manifest trying) a small apartment? It can feel super overwhelming to get started — but trust me, it doesn't have to be like this. In fact,

there are plenty of easy, clever ways to make it look neat and tidy, that don't require a lotta effort, especially with the right organization products.

Whether it's clothing, kitchen items, or makeup, it can be hard to find the right place to put it all, when options are limited. After all, you can't just store those off-season sweaters or swimwear in a garage or in that extra guest room closet you don't have.

I've spoken to a few experts to find out the best ways to organize an apartment. By following along with this list, you can evaluate exactly what you have, declutter, and then move everything to the right place.

## 10 expert-approved ideas for organizing a small apartment

Whether it's one room or the whole apartment that you're looking to revamp, this list of top tips will help you get things looking neat AF. I've also put together some buys, so you can start getting organized ASAP.

### 1. Be ruthless with the declutter

Professional organizer Shantae Duckworth tells me the best way to organize a small apartment is to start with a ruthless approach to decluttering. "Pull everything out of every space and really analyze everything you own." From here, you can ask yourself if you will actually use an item. If something doesn't fit, isn't in working condition, or you forgot you had it, it's probably time to say goodbye.

"Think about how much stuff you actually own compared to the size of your apartment and living situation. For example, if only two people live in an apartment, do you really need ten dinner plates?" Items that are in good shape can be donated to Goodwill — otherwise, take 'em to the trash.

### 2. Donate what you don't need anymore

Instead of disposing of things and adding them to a landfill, Duckworth highly suggests giving your unworn or unused items a second life by donating them instead. This can be a bit of a challenge if you live in a city or don't have a car, but there are ways around this. She tells me, "If you don't have a car to transport donations there are a lot of companies that will come and pick up clothes and furniture donations for you. There are a lot of free options that will require some research in your area. All you would have to do is schedule a time that works best for you."



We all spend so much time in the bedroom, that of course we want it to be super fresh when we're catching our Zs. If you're on top of cleaning yours, congrats and please share your tips. If you've fallen behind, you're not alone. Your bedroom deserves a deep clean every now and then, but regardless of how much you clean, there are particular places in the bedroom we all forget to clean.

As a team, we had a li'l confess sesh, and came up with all the places that completely slip our minds. It was amazing how many we all agreed on: some are places we genuinely never think about, and some are places that just plain get neglected.

You'll likely relate as these are all spots in the bedroom that most renters and small space dwellers have. The solutions are all rental-friendly too, so you won't be at risk of damaging anything. Get your cleaning supplies ready — it's time to get your bedroom legit squeaky clean.

### 3. Get creative with hanging solutions

While it's easy to organize a large home, smaller spaces require out-of-the-box thinking. Duckworth advises getting creative with hanging shelving, such as using over-the-door organizers to store shoes or clothing. "Stackable shelves in your cabinets will also help maximize some space for dishes and glassware."

As well as these, she also recommends Command Hooks, which are Amazon best sellers. "I use them to hold up my broom and mop on the back of my linen closet

door.” This type of hook is ideal for apartments because they stick to the wall or door and don’t require a hammer and nails.



#### 4. Organize with baskets and bins

I’m a huge lover of baskets and bins, of all different shapes and sizes. Whether I’m storing away my cozy blankets or want my stationery to be organized but accessible, they’re always useful for keeping items close by in a stylish way.

“Small spaces can quickly become cluttered,” explains Lisa Cantu, owner of An Organized Home OC. “Baskets and bins help you group similar items together, preventing clutter and making it easier to find what you need. Labeling is your friend!” Hook-on labels, hand-written stickers, or a label maker (such as this Phomemo one which is Amazon’s Choice) are all great ways to do the latter, BTW.



## 5. Go for seasonal rotation

Yes, you might be absolutely in love with your furry winter coat — but it def doesn't need to be on display at all times of the year. Cantu says, "Store away thick winter blankets in summer, and put away beach gear in winter." She continues, "A great way to achieve this is by storing items in places out of sight, such as under-the-bed storage or in ottomans." By keeping them away but still accessible, you can then always grab them if the weather magically shifts (as it often does, TBH).



## 7. Create zones

I've lived in apartments before and always found it hard to separate out the different zones (especially when I was living in a studio). It was only after moving out that I found out this hot tip, which I totally love. "If you live in a small space that needs to double-duty as multiple rooms, but lacks a structural separation, start zoning," says Shivani Vyas, interior designer and owner of Studio Vyas.

"For example, if your bedroom and living spaces connect, build out a partition via curtains, mountable sliding doors, or panel room dividers." When doing this, just be sure to check your apartment rules about mounting/hanging — you don't want to get on your landlord's bad side, trust.

## 8. Look vertically

When you haven't got much horizontal space, you've gotta look in the other direction — this is a major game-changer in small spaces. Vyas explains, "Visualize your apartment from a vertical eye to free up your horizontal real estate. To start, consider wall-mountable furniture like floating nightstands or shelves — solutions that will help you regain your floor space (and make your apartment appear larger visually)." She also suggests thinking vertically about your television solution, too, such as trading in your media center for a TV mount instead, or using a floating media console if you can't go without entertainment storage.





### 9. Limit items on surfaces

I'm totally guilty of this one, so no judgments from me if you're reading this and side-eyeing your messy side table. "Keeping countertops and other surfaces clear is one of the most important steps in maintaining an organized home," Cantu tells me.

Although a relatively easy task, this really does make the space look organized and gives you more room for cooking, working, or other activities. "This also encourages you to find a proper home for every item, reducing clutter." Less mess = less stress.

### 10. Keep the space tidy

While organizing a small apartment is one thing, maintaining it is a different story. However, with a little bit of planning, it isn't too difficult. "I would suggest setting up a consistent schedule to go through each space of your apartment. Every month, go through one particular space to really determine if these are items that you really want," says Duckworth. It's also crucial to be mindful of what you bring into your home. "If you know it is not your vibe, or that you're not going to use it, don't even let it come through your apartment door." Basically, picture that girl with the X arms emoji every time you're debating rehoming useless pieces.

## **III. Determining Maintenance Costs For Rental Properties**



Rental property owners are always looking for ways to cut costs and increase their bottom lines. However, maintaining rental properties is often one of the largest expenses that prevents them from doing so.

Whether it's routine maintenance, like lawn care, or large expenses, like roof replacements, rental property maintenance is crucial for retaining tenants and growing your real estate investment portfolio.

### The Factors Affecting Maintenance Costs

- Age of the property: Older rental properties typically require more maintenance due to wear and tear over time. Aging appliances like water heaters and HVAC systems may need more frequent repairs and lead to higher maintenance costs.
- Property size and type: Larger buildings have more areas to maintain and come with higher maintenance costs. Also the property type plays a role as well. Apartment complexes may have shared utilities, while single-family homes may have larger yards to care for.
- Tenant turnover rate: Properties with high tenant turnover can also increase average maintenance costs. Frequent move-ins and move-outs require deep cleanings, repainting and carpeting and may accelerate wear and tear.

Luckily for rental property owners, there are some common expenses to anticipate and budget for when running a real estate investing business. Depending on your property and circumstances, some of these expenses may not apply.



## 1. Routine Maintenance

The first type of common maintenance expense for a rental property is routine maintenance tasks. This includes lawn care, pest control, HVAC system maintenance, plumbing and electrical work.

These routine maintenance expenses are typically periodic and should be scheduled according to the recommendations of the manufacturer or a maintenance expert.

## 2. Major Repairs And Replacements

The next type of maintenance expense is major repairs and replacements for large systems of the rental property.

The first, and often most expensive, major repair is the roof. Roof repairs typically involve fixing leaks and replacing damaged shingles to prevent any further damage to the interior of the home. Additionally, roofs may need to be replaced every 20 years, depending on the material used for construction.

Another major repair rental property owners should anticipate is the replacement of everyday appliances like refrigerators, ovens and washing machines. Regular maintenance on these appliances can prevent malfunctions and extend their lifespan; however, they will eventually need to be replaced to keep the property running smoothly.

The final major repair item for rental properties is flooring and carpeting. Stains and normal wear and tear can cause damage to the underlying floorboards, which is why it's important to invest in carpet cleaning services to stay on top of the floor's condition.

## 3. Unexpected Emergencies

The last type of maintenance expenses for rental property investors are the unexpected ones. These expenses typically arise after emergencies like fires or major storms that cause significant damage to the home.

The best way to prepare for unexpected emergencies is to create a separate fund for emergency repairs. Set aside a small amount of your rental income each month to save for any unexpected expenses that are necessary to maintain the property in emergencies.

## Strategies For Estimating Average Maintenance Costs

As I mentioned, the average maintenance cost for rental properties varies significantly. That's why property managers often advise investors to create a budget for each rental property in their portfolio that considers the location, size and amenities that each property offers.

Additionally, there are several methods to estimate your future maintenance costs. First is the square footage rule, which involves setting aside \$1 per square foot of the property toward annual maintenance costs. For example, a 2,500-square-foot home will need about \$2,500 in maintenance using this method.

The 50% rule says to budget half your rental income each month for not only routine maintenance but also taxes and insurance. Any leftover rental income can be set aside and allocated to your emergency fund or used to acquire additional properties.

The last method to estimate maintenance costs is the 1% rule, which says that investors should allocate about 1% of the property's value for these expenses. So, if a rental property is valued at \$400,000, rental property owners should expect the property to require roughly \$4,000 in maintenance costs per year.

## Tips To Reduce Maintenance Costs

Profitability is the name of the game for rental property investors. Regardless of how many rental properties are in your portfolio, positive cash flow is the lifeblood of any real estate investing business. Here are some tips to reduce your maintenance costs this year:



- Perform regular inspections. Routine inspections are another easy way to prevent major repairs and expensive maintenance bills. Hire a contractor to inspect major appliances and systems in the property periodically before they turn into costly repairs.
- Educate tenants. After screening and accepting qualified tenants, it's up to you to educate them on basic maintenance tasks like changing air filters and reporting leaks or damage to the property manager.
- Negotiate with vendors. Building relationships with reliable contractors may allow you to negotiate favorable rates for maintenance work. Some contractors may offer discounts for ongoing work to incentivize investors to use their services.

- Factor in annual repairs. In my experience, annual repairs typically cost about 5-8% of total gross rent, depending on the age of the property, with the cost for condos often lower. Make sure to consider recurring expenses like pool maintenance and landscaping in this category.

While the average cost for rental property maintenance can vary, there are several ways to estimate these expenses. Remember to consider the location of your property, as well as the size and condition, when estimating your future costs.

Property managers and real estate investors should keep in mind that preparing for unexpected expenses is crucial. Without having a fund set aside for emergencies, your real estate portfolio could be at risk.

## **IV. The importance of regular house cleaning**

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House cleaning is a very challenging task that we all have to do at some time. The main motive of getting the place clean and organized is to make it inviting and most peaceful place to stay in and relax at the same time. There are plenty of handy organizing tips available that come in very useful when you are planning to clean and organize your place.

Cleaning and organizing should be done as a ritual as staying in a disorganized and dirty house eludes a sense of chaos and discomfort. It is very important to keep some time aside for the cleaning rituals and you should also encourage your family members to help you to keep the house clean and comfortable.

**Below are some few reasons that, why it is important to have a clean home as follows:**



### Regular house cleaning kills germs

Germs suppress the immune system and cause you to become sick. However, by continuously cleaning your home with a quality disinfectant, you can kill up to 98 percent of the daily germs and it also helps to keep your family healthy.

### Improves the quality of the indoor air

Poor indoor air quality can trigger disorder such as allergies and asthma as well as other breathing problems. The airs in the home become degraded from accumulated dust bunnies, mildew and animal dander.

### Vacuum cleaning

Regular using a vacuum cleaner is a great way to keep dust and dirt from accumulating and making allergies to kick up. Get a vacuum cleaner that uses high-

efficiency particulate air filters for the best results. Do not stop vacuuming when you are done with the carpets. Take the attachments and run them over the upholstery where invisible dust tends to collect and go unnoticed.

### You can sleep better

There is nothing more relaxing than jumping in a bed with clean sheets and saying good night to an orderly house. You can rest at ease when you're not waking up to chaos.

### It is good for children

It is not good for humans of any age to live in filth, but especially children. Young children of crawling age can pick up anything on the floor and put it in their mouth.

Children are also susceptible to bacteria, molds, and mildews that can also affect your health. Keeping your house clean and sanitized that can keep your children and your whole family healthier. In the case of children family members should be much aware of the importance of regular home cleaning.

### You can easily find things

Lost your keys or cell phone again? With a clean home, you can spend less time looking for things you have misplaced. You will be feeling better when your home is organized as you find what you need in its rightful place.

### Vacate cleaners

Vacate cleaners consume most of the time in cleaning kitchen and bathrooms. You can ask the cleaners to clean the kitchen properly, especially those areas where most cooking and grilling starts off.

### Reduces allergies

For those who suffer from allergies, sensitive skin or other ailments, they know better the importance of regular house cleaning is a must. Things that dust on the floors, linens, and blinds really irritate your sinuses.

Also, if you have kids that are constantly sniffing so it could be from all the particles that floating around inside the home. So in addition to getting your place really neat, you can also get your air conditioning vents cleaned for further help to improve the air quality in your home.

### Helps you stay organized

With regular house cleaning, you cannot help to have everything in great order. That way, you never have to wonder where your important papers are or if your favorite shirt that is lying in a chair which is clean or dirty.

When you tidy then you can make a point to put everything in its place. As a result, you will be sure and able to get dressed at record speed that allows you to get out the door much faster.

Once in a while your home will need a deeper cleaning. So according to that set aside a weekend or help with your family, and get it done. Then, continue your small daily cleaning habits to keep enjoying your clean, neat and organized house for the rest of the year.

## V. The Ultimate Guide To Apartment Cleaning

A well-maintained and tidy apartment promotes a healthy and hygienic living environment. It should be a prime responsibility to create a regular housekeeping routine and keep dust, dirt and allergens at bay.

The best part is that apartments are easy to clean as they are smaller than houses in Perth. With detailed planning and a comprehensive checklist, you can keep all rooms, windows, and other surfaces clean and dust-free.



Today, we are unveiling an ultimate guide to apartment cleaning. This includes a step-by-step checklist to help restore the shine of your abode without a hint of stress.

**Let's Get Started!**

**De-cluttering is Necessary**

There is no denying that that eliminating unnecessary stuff or clutter frees up space in a residential property and makes cleaning more effective and efficient.

So, begin the process by inspecting all rooms, drawers, cupboards, kitchen pantry, etc. You can also try Zen strategies to de-clutter your home and speed up your seasonal cleaning process.

## Deep Clean Your Living Room

Grab all the necessary cleaning supplies and eco-friendly products to transform your apartment's living area. Here is a quick and effective checklist to make things easy:

- Remove cobwebs, insect marks and loose debris from your ceiling fans and walls. You may need a duster with an extendable handle to reach the top surface.
- Vacuum the air vents of your HVAC system
- Wipe down cabinets, light fixtures and switches.
- Dust your TV panel, picture frame and other wall art with a microfiber cloth.
- Tackle stubborn stains from hard surfaces using vinegar solution. Spray and gently scrub the area with a magic eraser.
- Vacuum your upholstery, carpets and rugs.
- Wipe down doors and baseboards.
- Sweep and mop the floor.

If you are preparing at the end of your tenancy, book experts for a professional vacate cleaning Perth and pass the final inspection. They clean the entire property using a pre-approved cleaning checklist to cover every nook and cranny and deliver sparkling results.

## Wash Windows Carefully

Cleaning the windows of a high-rise apartment is the most risky thing. That's why it is always good to hire professional window cleaners who can access the windows from outside using proper tools and clear the dirt.

If you can access windows safely, remove insect marks, accumulated dust and other stains using white vinegar spray. Apply the product and gently scrub the surface with a sponge. Finally, run a squeegee to achieve streak-free windows and clean the glass with a microfiber cloth.





## Sparkle Your Kitchen

It is quite obvious that a kitchen is a breeding ground for germs and bacteria, especially if you leave the stains, grime and grease untouched. According to Vacate Cleaning Perth Experts, creating a kitchen cleaning schedule can make things easier. Make sure you cover these cleaning tasks:

- Clean your cabinets inside, out, and the top using a microfiber cloth
- Remove grease and oil stains using a vinegar solution
- Clean your kitchen appliances, such as oven, microwave, fridge and dishwasher, inside and out
- Wipe down countertops with a damp towel. Use baking soda for stains.
- Clean the range hood and filter.
- Remove built-up grease, stubborn stains and oil splatters from stovetop and knobs.
- Clean and disinfect sink and faucets
- Unclog the garbage disposal by pouring white vinegar and hot water, followed by baking soda.
- Clean and disinfect the trash can
- Mop the floor

## Spot Clean Bathroom Surfaces

Bathrooms in apartments are usually small, with fewer surfaces like walls and floors. However, it is important to remove accumulated soap scum, mineral deposits, rust stains, germs, and mould stains from each and every corner.

- Spray white vinegar solution to clean showerhead and glass doors
- Gently scrub your bathtub using baking soda
- Wash your curtains
- Clean and disinfect the toilet
- Use an old toothbrush to clean the dull and dingy tile grout lines. Use hydrogen peroxide solution for best outcomes.
- Clean the counter, sink and faucets
- Wipe down door knobs and towel rails
- Polish mirror
- Mop the floor

## Pay Attention to Bedrooms

Bedrooms tend to accumulate dust mites, allergens, hair dander and other harmful germs that can cause various health hazards, such as respiratory problems, skin allergies and asthma. It is important that you regularly clean your bedrooms to maintain a healthy environment.



- Daily make your bed sheet.
- Wash bed linens every week in hot water
- Return clothes and shoes to the closet and other designated place
- Clean the ceiling fans, light fixtures and windows if accessible
- Vacuum sofa or couch and mattress
- Wipe down lamps and side tables

- Sweep and mop the floor

However, it is good to book seasoned vacate cleaners in Perth and get your full bond back without any disagreement.

Cleaning an apartment regularly will help you maintain a healthy, sparkling and positive ambience for the entire family. Following this guide, you can keep dust, dirt, stains, mould and other allergens at bay. It will also help you enhance the curb appeal of your residential property.

## CONCLUSION

Maintaining your apartment not only enhances your comfort but also protects your investment. For those living in apartments in Australia, staying on top of these maintenance tasks can ensure your home remains a pleasant and functional space. Regular upkeep will help you enjoy your apartment for years to come, making it a true sanctuary.

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