

Bathroom Deep-Cleaning Checklist

Do the following tasks in the order listed

Pre-cleaning:

- Clear off all surfaces and place items outside the bathroom.
- Remove towels, shower curtains and bath mats. Launder together on a cold wash with regular detergent.
- Dust baseboards, light fixtures and fans.
- Wipe down cabinets.

Deep-cleaning:

- Gather your cleaning supplies (sponges, gloves, bathroom cleaner, toilet cleaner, vinegar, plastic baggy, and microfiber cloth). Open up windows to ventilate the room.
- Shower head: Place enough vinegar in a plastic bag so that the shower head will be submerged. Tie around the shower head with an elastic band and leave it to sit for several hours (overnight if possible). This will dissolve all hard-water deposits.
- Toilet: Pour toilet bowl cleaner in and scrub with a stiff-bristled brush. Make sure to get under the rim. Flush. Pour more cleaner into the bowl, close the lid and let it sit for 15 minutes. After that time you will flush again and place a toilet rim gel pack in there to keep it fresh. Wipe down the outside of the toilet. Make sure you do the ENTIRE outside part. The various bends tend to build up dust. Throw out the sponge.
- Bath: Using a multi-surface bathroom cleaner that removes soap-scum, clean your bath with a sponge. Run your hand along the side to feel for any scum that might remain. For an extra gleam, fill it up with hot water and let it sit for 15 minutes.
- Shower: Again, the same multi-surface cleaner will work here. Rinse and buff with a microfiber cloth.
- Sink: Using the multi-surface cleaner, wipe down the entire sink area including the faucet. Ensure that the area at the base of the faucet is clean as this tends to accumulate dirt. Tip: Use floss if you're having trouble! The faucet can be buffed to a shine with a microfiber cloth. Finally, clean countertops and mirror.
- Grout: Dip an old toothbrush in bleach and scrub any discolored areas. Wipe down tile with the multi-surface cleaner.
- Floor: Wash with a mop or steam cleaner. Let dry.
- Return any removed items to the countertop and as well as freshly laundered towels and mat and shower curtains.