

A Clean Vision – Serving The Upper Valley Since 1993

By accomplishing a few cleaning tasks each day, all that will be left is a bit of last-minute shine before your guests walk through the door.

Day 1

- Walk through your home with a visitor's eye, making notes of any imperfections you may be used to but guests may notice.
- Shaggy strings hanging off sofa pillows? Write it down. Pet hair clogging up heating vents? Dead leaves hanging from houseplants? Make note.
- Turn do-it-yourself tasks into a do-it-ourselves effort—gather family members, go over the plan, and assign chores.
- Remember that many hands make light work.

Day 2

- Wash windows and vacuum window screens.
- Damp-mop baseboards.
- Clean and press window and shower curtains.
- Wash bedspreads if needed.

Day 3

- Deep-clean bathrooms and medicine cabinets (yes, people will look).
- Straighten bedrooms; remove clutter and store out of sight.

Day 4

- Wash throw rugs; set aside so they are nice and fluffy for party day.
- Straighten coat closet, making room for guests' coats. Add fresh hangers if needed.

Day 5

- Clean range or stove top, surfaces, and grates.
- Clean refrigerator, making room for party foods; dust top of refrigerator.
- Wipe down all large and small appliances.
- Wipe down kitchen cabinet exteriors.
- Take recycling to recycling bins or facilities.

Day 6

- Dust all surfaces, including bookshelves, tops of framed photos, and art. Dust ceiling fans.
- Clean kitchen sinks and dish drainer.
- Sweep entryway, polish the doorknob, and decorate the entry with seasonal touches.

Day 7

- Clean trash receptacles and add fresh liners.
- Wipe down any dirty areas in the bathroom and clean bathroom mirrors and counters.
- Wipe down floors with a damp towel.
- Apply toilet bowl cleaner in the toilets; brush.
- Hang fresh towels and put out fresh hand soap.
- Damp-mop the kitchen floor.
- Vacuum carpets and dry-mop wood floors.
- Fluff sofa cushions and pillows.
- Decorate with special touches, such as flowers or candles.