

If your landlord or agent has provided you with details of how they expect you to leave the house, we recommend you follow those, where their requests are reasonable.

If no checklist is provided you may like to follow ours, which should help you to get your deposit back in full.

General Cleaning (bedrooms, living room, hallway, etc.)	
Vacuum carpets and mop / sweep hard floors. Ensure that furniture is moved and you clean underneath.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dusting and general cleaning throughout.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remember to clean the skirting boards throughout the house, which are easy to forget.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure windows are clean.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleaning of Kitchen	
The kitchen always takes the longest to clean, so we suggest that you share the tasks amongst yourselves; try to not leave it all to the last person in the house.	
Clean inside of cooker (including oven, grill, and all racks).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean outside of cooker (including hob and extractor hood where present).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean microwave inside and out.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Empty fridge/freezer of all contents, and defrost and clean. It will take at least a day to defrost the freezer so put some old towels or newspaper on the floor to soak up any water before you turn it off. Ensure the materials used to soak up the water are cleared up / thrown out before you return your keys.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors of appliances such as fridges, freezers and washing machines should be propped open when the property is vacated to ensure mould does not grow.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there is a washing machine, ensure that all filters, powder trays, etc. are cleaned out appropriately.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure all cupboards and shelves are emptied & cleaned out.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean the floor. Particular attention is usually required around the cooker and bin areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Often the kitchen walls will need a good wipe-down, particularly around the cooker where food has splashed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean the worktops, and other surfaces like cupboard doors. You will need to use cleaning products to ensure these are properly clean – wiping over with water will make them appear clean temporarily, but any oiliness will still be present when the water dries out.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cleaning of bathroom / toilet area(s)	
Thoroughly clean the bathroom suite (bath, shower, basin, toilet).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay particular attention to sealant areas around the bath or shower tray which may have accumulated mould.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Also look at the grout lines between the tiles; these may have accumulated muck or discoloured. An old toothbrush can be useful in cleaning these.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Removal of waste	
Ensure all personal effects are removed from the property. Other items, such as boxes from electrical equipment, should also be removed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not leave any of your posters, photographs, or blu-tak on the walls.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place all rubbish in your dustbin and leave the dustbin out for collection. If you live in an area with a 'twin bin' collection system, make sure you separate your rubbish accordingly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have produced more rubbish than you can fit in your dustbin, make arrangements to take it to one of the local tips.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make sure the garden and other external areas are tidy. Do not leave any rubbish in the garden.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure lawn has been mown (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not leave any supermarket trolleys at the property otherwise you could be charged for their removal.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Further Points to Remember	
Make arrangements with your landlord / agent for return of keys and move-out inspection.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where there are several sets of keys (for example one set per room) carefully bunch them into sets.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discuss with the landlord / agent details for the return of deposits. Establish timescales, and how the money will be returned.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leave the property secure on your departure, checking all windows and doors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If any items of furniture, curtains, etc. have been stored away during the tenancy, ensure they are replaced in their original position.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide your landlord / agent with forwarding addresses.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arrange Mail Forwarding with the Royal Mail.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advise everyone that has the property as your contact address of your new contact details. (Remember banks, utilities companies, telephone and mobile telephone suppliers, catalogues etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utility companies should be advised of final meter readings.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you pay your rent by Standing Order, remember to cancel it with your Bank. Your landlord / agent will not be able to do this for you, since a Standing Order is an agreement between you and your bank to regularly send money to a specific location.	<input type="checkbox"/>