



End of Tenancy Check-Out Inspection Checklist

Printable guide for comparing the property against the original check-in inventory before the final inspection.

How to use this checklist

Work through each section after your belongings are removed. Compare the property with your signed check-in inventory and photographs, take your own move-out photos, and keep any relevant receipts or records.

Before You Start

- Find the signed check-in inventory and move-in photographs.
- Compare each room with its recorded starting condition.
- Note any pre-existing damage or previously reported maintenance issues.
- Gather all keys, access fobs and remotes that must be returned.
- Remove your personal belongings before the final clean.

General Cleaning

- Remove rubbish and unwanted belongings.
- Dust and wipe accessible surfaces, shelves and ledges.
- Clean skirting boards, doors, frames and handles.
- Remove visible cobwebs and dust.
- Clean accessible interior windows, frames and sills.
- Vacuum carpets and clean hard flooring.

Kitchen

- Clean worktops and splashbacks.
- Clean cupboards and drawers where required.
- Clean the sink, taps and surrounding area.
- Clean the hob and accessible extractor surfaces.
- Clean the oven to the required condition.
- Empty and clean supplied appliance interiors where required.
- Clean the kitchen floor and areas around appliances.

Bathrooms

- Clean the toilet, basin, bath and shower.
- Remove visible limescale and soap residue.
- Clean mirrors, tiles and accessible surfaces.
- Check grout, corners and edges for residue.
- Clean and dry the bathroom floor.



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Bedrooms and Living Areas

- Dust and wipe surfaces and supplied furniture.
- Clean wardrobe or cupboard interiors where required.
- Vacuum carpets or clean hard flooring.
- Check walls, doors and fittings for new marks or damage.
- Make sure no personal belongings remain.

Carpets, Flooring and Furnishings

- Compare carpets and flooring with the check-in photographs.
- Check for new stains, burns, tears or scratches.
- Vacuum carpets thoroughly, including accessible edges.
- Check supplied furniture for new staining or damage.
- Photograph existing wear that could be mistaken for new damage.

Inventory, Keys and Outdoor Areas

- Confirm supplied inventory items are still present.
- Return all keys, access fobs, remotes and permits.
- Remove rubbish from balconies, gardens, sheds or garages where applicable.
- Compare outdoor areas with the original inventory where relevant.

Before You Hand Back the Keys

- Take clear dated photographs or video of every room.
- Photograph the oven, kitchen, bathrooms, carpets and any disputed areas.
- Keep cleaning invoices or equipment-hire receipts where applicable.
- Keep copies of previously reported repair or maintenance issues.
- Record meter readings if required by your check-out process.
- Compare the final check-out report with the original inventory.
- Keep copies of your photographs and check-out evidence after returning the keys.

Important note (England)

Landlords and agents cannot simply require a paid professional clean as a blanket fee. The usual benchmark is whether the property is returned to the same cleanliness standard recorded at check-in, allowing for fair wear and tear.