

Family Housing Cleaning Guidelines

Your apartment should be thoroughly cleaned before you move out. The apartment will be reassigned to another family, so please leave it in a suitable condition.

Walls and Ceilings

- Clean with detergent and water to remove all dirt, grease, spots, finger marks, crayon and pen marks
- Remove all hooks, nails, etc., from ceilings and walls
- Clean light switches, electrical outlet covers, door handles and floorboards
- Please do not spackle or patch holes

Floors

- Sweep free of dirt and litter. Check corners and closets
- Mop floors with water and cleaning fluid. Be careful if there are broken, loose or missing floor tiles
- Carpets should be vacuumed

Windows

- Clean on inside only with window cleaner
- Vacuum and wash window tracks and sills
- Brush screens

Shades and Blinds

- Wash off dirt and finger marks and leave shades and blinds in good working order

Doors

- Wash doors
- All locks must be in working order
- Remove any extra locks, latches or padlocks you may have installed

Bedroom

- Clean the inside walls and remove any contact paper or lining
- Clean doors and shelves in closets and cabinets to remove dust and dirt. If you have installed shelves in any closets, please remove them

Sinks, Showers and Bathtub

- Scrub with water and detergent, removing all dirt, mildew and lime deposits
- Wash ceramic tiles and tub and shower walls
- Clean all faucets and handles

Lavatory and Toilet

- Thoroughly clean entire bathroom with disinfectant

- Wash all dirt from both the outside and inside of bowl. Inside of bowl must be free of stains and lime deposits
- Thoroughly clean the toilet seat

Bathroom Fans

- Wash and clean filter and frame

Heating Vents

- Wash and clean filter and frame

Refrigerator

- Defrost and wash clean with detergent and water, including the door and rubber gasket on the door
- Clean ice cube trays and wire racks
- After cleaning, please leave on and close door

Electric Stove

- Place all removable parts (except burners) in soapy water to soak
- Clean all surfaces, top burners, chrome rings and storage drawers of all grease, food stains and dirt
- Follow instructions for self-cleaning oven

Smoke Detectors

- Must be in place and in operating condition

Light Bulbs

- Clean all light fixtures and covers. Bulbs are furnished by residents and not checked during inspection

Garbage

- Do not dispose of furniture and large items in the garbage dumpster. Put large items beside the dumpster and do not block access to the dumpsters
- Flatten all boxes before putting them in dumpster
- Please recycle as much of your refuse as possible

Waste Disposal

The proper disposal of items is each individual's responsibility. For information and resources on how to properly dispose of large items and hazardous materials, please visit [King County's Solid Waste website](#). Please note that improper disposal of bulky items or other trash in or around UW apartments may result in disciplinary action, fees and/or other UW action. You may contact your Advisory Office or community staff members for help with questions or concerns.