



The Ultimate "Get Your Deposit Back" Move-Out Checklist

Moving is stressful, but losing your security deposit shouldn't be. Use this room-by-room guide to ensure your apartment looks (and smells) better than the day you moved in.

🌟 The "OMG!" Final Touch: Carpets

Most leases require carpets to be "professionally cleaned" upon move-out. Don't risk a DIY rental machine—they often leave carpets soaked and crunchy.

- **Schedule OMG! Carpet Cleaning:** Our VLM process dries in **1 hour**, meaning you can clean on your very last day.
- **Pre-Vacuum:** Remove all large debris and dust from corners.
- **Treat Stains:** Note any pet accidents or wine spills for our technicians.
- **Save the Receipt:** Landlords often require physical proof of professional service to release your deposit!

🔍 The Kitchen (The #1 Inspection Spot)

- **Oven & Stovetop:** Scrub away burnt-on food and grease. Don't forget the drawer under the oven!
- **Refrigerator:** Clear out all food. Clean the shelves, drawers, and the floor underneath it.
- **Dishwasher:** Run a cleaning cycle and wipe the exterior.
- **Cabinets & Drawers:** Empty completely and wipe out crumbs or dust.
- **Sink & Disposal:** Polish the faucet and run a lemon through the disposal for a fresh scent.

🚿 The Bathroom

- **Toilet:** Scrub inside, outside, and the base (where dust hides).
- **Tub & Shower:** Remove all soap scum and mildew from tiles and grout.
- **Mirror & Vanity:** Windex the mirrors and wipe out the inside of the medicine cabinet.
- **Exhaust Fan:** Use a vacuum attachment to remove dust from the ceiling vent.

Living & Sleeping Areas

- **Walls:** Use a "Magic Eraser" for scuffs. Patch any small nail holes with spackle.
- **Windows:** Clean the glass and wipe down the window sills and tracks.
- **Dusting:** Hit the "invisible" spots: ceiling fan blades, baseboards, and light switches.
- **Closets:** Ensure all hangers and personal items are removed.

The Final Walkthrough

- **Light Bulbs:** Replace any burnt-out bulbs (landlords often charge \$10+ per bulb!).
- **Trash:** Ensure all garbage is taken to the dumpster. Leaving one bag behind can lead to a "haul-away" fee.
- **Photos:** Take "After" photos of every room as your proof of condition.
- **Keys:** Gather all keys, fobs, and mail keys for the hand-off.