

# A Guest Cleaning Checklist

*According to Megan Rapp, of rappsodyinrooms.com*

- Dust** – Use a spray/wet solution (like Pledge or an olive oil/lemon juice mixture). Use Swiffer dusters as quick touchups.
- Vacuum and Swiffer the Floors** – Vacuum first (both carpet and hardwood) to get up all the dirt and debris. Use the hose to get the dust hiding in corners. Use a Swiffer to grab everything else on the hard wood.
- Mop** – Swiffer mops to the rescue. Bonus points for the attached spray thingy for the tough spots. Use these in the bathrooms and spot clean the rest of the hard wood floors.
- Bathroom cleaning** – Use homemade cleaning supplies to hit up the shower, sink, and toilet. Make sure to clean the surfaces dry, not wet. It makes all the difference in timely cleaning.
- Cabinet polishing**– Clean cabinets with Thomasville Kitchen Cabinet Cream. Polish with Old English Scratch Cover. Your wooden cabinets will gleam like the day they were installed.
- Microwave cleaning** – To make the microwave magically easy to clean all you have to do is microwave a bowl of vinegar, water, and lemon juice for 5 minutes, let stand 5 minutes, and then wipe clean!
- Refrigerator cleaning:** Use a microfiber and vinegar/water combination spray to wipe down the inside and outside of the refrigerator.
- Natural Stove Cleaning:** First, spray everything down with a vinegar/water combo. Let sit for 5 minutes and then wipe off. For tougher, baked on food, make a paste of baking soda and water (about toothpaste consistency). Spread it over the caked on food with my fingers. Let sit for 5 minutes. Come back with the vinegar/water spray and spray generously over the baking soda paste areas. Allow the vinegar and baking soda to have their chemical reaction and then wipe clean.
- Window sills** – Spray them down with my vinegar cleaner, let it sit for a few minutes, and then spray with the outside hose. Then wipe with a clean cloth to ensure you get all the grime out.
- Windows** – Use foam spray (like Fish Foam) for efficiency.
- Extra touches** – Not cleaning, but you guests deserve this. Flowers. Personalized message. A present on a pillow. A balloon. A 20 piece band welcoming them as they drive into the driveway. You know, just a little something special to thank them for making the effort to come visit!