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](https://www.kingcounty.gov). 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.