

Dorm move-out checklist



Want to avoid unwanted cleaning charges when you move out of your college dorm room? In general, you want to leave the room the way you found it when you moved in. And that includes the refrigerator, which often has a separate cleaning deposit with a rental company. For dorm suites with a shared bathroom, you'll need to clean that, too. This checklist will help you get cleaning deposits back.

What you need

- Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes
- Clorox® Clean-Up Cleaner with Bleach
- Clorox® Disinfecting ToiletWand™
- Glad® Garbage Bags
- Paper towels
- Blue nitrile gloves (optional)

Dorm room

- Pack carefully. Look under the bed and behind furniture to make sure you remove all your belongings. Double check the closet.
- Return plates, cups, and silverware to the dining hall.
- Take the garbage, recycling, or compost out—don't leave it behind in the room.
- Wipe out dresser and desk drawers with [Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes](#).
- Wipe off closet and bookshelves with [Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes](#).
- Clean the refrigerator: unplug the unit, then use [Clorox® Clean-Up Cleaner with Bleach](#) and paper towels to wipe away mold or mildew and gunky food. Leave the doors open when finished cleaning.
- Vacuum carpet or sweep out room.



Bathroom locker

- Remove the lock and pack or discard the locker contents.
- Wipe out empty locker with [Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes](#).
- Dispose of unwanted medications safely at your university health center. Do not dispose of medications in the trash, and do not flush them down the toilet.

Shared suite bathroom

- Empty all drawers and shelves.
- Wipe out drawers and shelving with [Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes](#).
- Clean the shower or tub area with [Clorox® Clean-Up Cleaner with Bleach](#) to remove mold and mildew stains, the main reason students lose cleaning deposits when they move out.
- Clean the sink, faucets, and counters with [Clorox® Clean-Up Cleaner with Bleach](#).
- Clean the toilet with [Clorox® Disinfecting ToiletWand™](#)

Miscellaneous

- Empty your mailbox.
- Update your “local address” on your college profile.
- Provide a [forwarding address](#) to the USPS to avoid any disruptions in mail delivery.
- Don't forget bicycles or scooters.
- Close and lock doors.
- Return keys to housing office.