

## GUIDE

# HOSTING MADE EASY: PRE-EVENT CLEANING CHECKLIST



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# INTRODUCTION: STRESS-FREE HOSTING STARTS WITH A CLEAN HOME

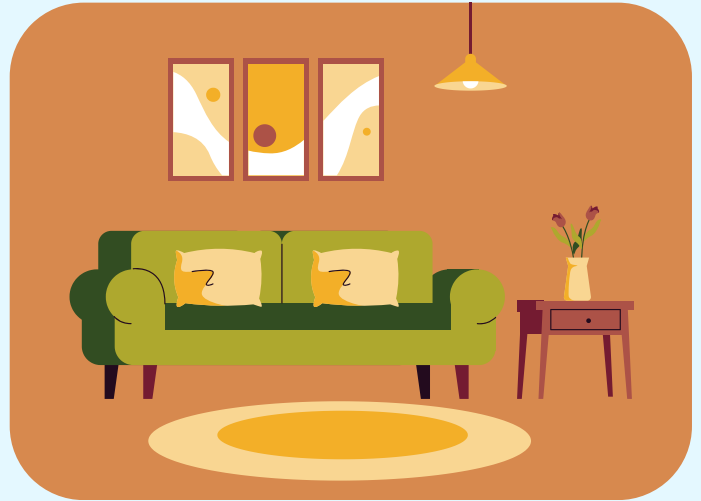
Hosting a gathering, whether it's a small get-together with friends or a large family event, can be both exciting and a little stressful. You want your home to look its best, but with a busy schedule, finding the time for thorough cleaning can be a challenge. That's where a well-planned pre-event cleaning routine comes in.

This guide, *Hosting Made Easy: Pre-Event Cleaning Checklist*, is designed to help you quickly and efficiently get your home event-ready without the overwhelm. We've broken down the essential cleaning tasks that will leave your home spotless and welcoming, ensuring you can focus on enjoying the time with your guests.

# PRE-EVENT CLEANING CHECKLIST

## 1. Start with the Main Areas Guests Will See

The key to pre-event cleaning is to focus on the areas your guests will spend the most time in. These spaces typically include the living room, dining area, and kitchen. You don't need to deep clean every corner of your home, just make sure the main areas look polished and presentable.



### Living Room:

- **Declutter:** Remove any stray items like toys, magazines, or personal belongings that don't belong in the living room. Store them out of sight or in designated storage bins.
- **Dust Surfaces:** Dust all visible surfaces, including coffee tables, shelves, and electronics. Pay special attention to light fixtures and lamps, as these are often overlooked.
- **Vacuum or Sweep:** Clean the floors by vacuuming carpets and rugs or sweeping and mopping hardwood or tile floors. Don't forget under the coffee table and along the edges of the room.
- **Fluff Pillows and Arrange Blankets:** Plump up couch cushions and pillows, and neatly fold any throws or blankets.
- **Clean Windows:** If the windows are noticeably dirty, give them a quick wipe with a glass cleaner to allow more natural light in.

### Dining Room:

- **Wipe Down the Table and Chairs:** Make sure the dining table is clean and free of dust or sticky spots. Give the chairs a quick wipe-down too, especially if they have upholstered seats.
- **Set the Table (Optional):** If you're hosting a formal meal, you can pre-set the table with plates, cutlery, and glasses to add an extra touch of elegance.

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## 2. Freshen Up the Kitchen

Even if you're not cooking, the kitchen tends to be a gathering point during events. Here's how to ensure it looks its best:

### Countertops:

- **Clear the Clutter:** Remove unnecessary items from your countertops, like appliances or mail. Wipe down surfaces with a disinfectant to make them shine.
- **Clean the Sink:** Scrub the sink, remove any dishes, and shine the faucet. A fresh-smelling sink is a must, especially if guests are helping themselves to drinks or food in the kitchen.
- **Wipe Appliances:** Quickly clean the front of your fridge, oven, and dishwasher. Guests often notice fingerprints or smudges on stainless steel surfaces, so give them a once-over.

### Trash and Recycling:

- **Empty the Trash:** Make sure the trash and recycling bins are empty and have fresh liners. This keeps the kitchen smelling pleasant and prevents the bins from overflowing during the event.



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### 3. Focus on Guest Bathrooms

The guest bathroom is one of the most important rooms to clean before your event. Guests will use it, and a dirty bathroom can leave a lasting negative impression.

#### Toilet and Sink:

- **Scrub the Toilet:** Ensure the toilet is thoroughly cleaned and smells fresh. Don't forget to wipe down the seat and lid.
- **Clean the Sink and Counter:** Wipe down the sink basin, faucet, and countertop to remove any water spots, soap scum, or toothpaste residue.

#### Mirrors and Fixtures:

- **Shine the Mirror:** Use a glass cleaner to wipe down the mirror, leaving it streak-free. Clean mirrors make the bathroom feel brighter and more inviting.
- **Polish Fixtures:** Wipe and polish faucet handles, towel bars, and any other metallic fixtures for a clean, shiny appearance.

#### Towels and Toiletries:

- **Replace Hand Towels:** Put out fresh, clean hand towels for your guests. Consider folding them neatly or providing a basket with extra towels.
- **Restock Supplies:** Ensure there's plenty of toilet paper, hand soap, and any other essentials your guests may need.

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## 4. Entryway and Guest Coats

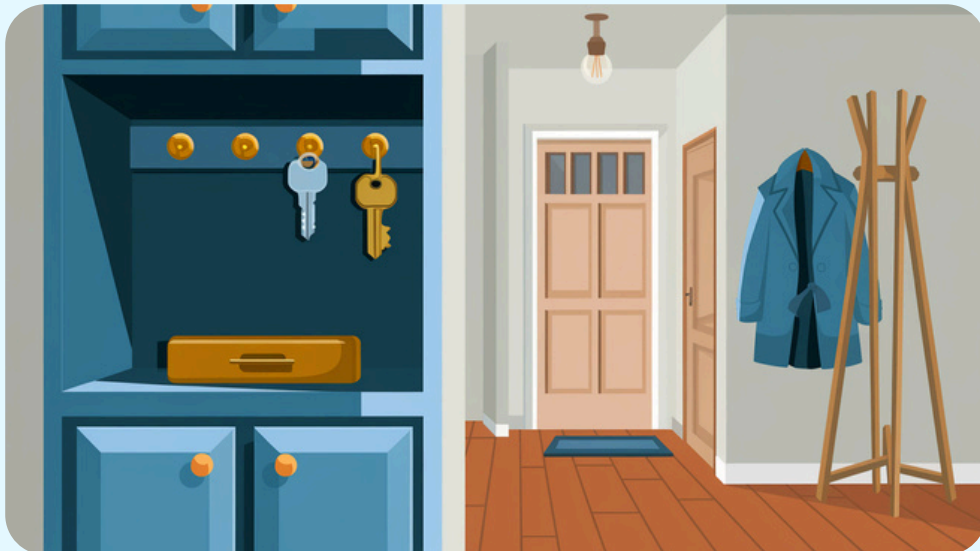
First impressions count, and your entryway is the first thing your guests will see. Make sure it's clean and welcoming.

### Entryway:

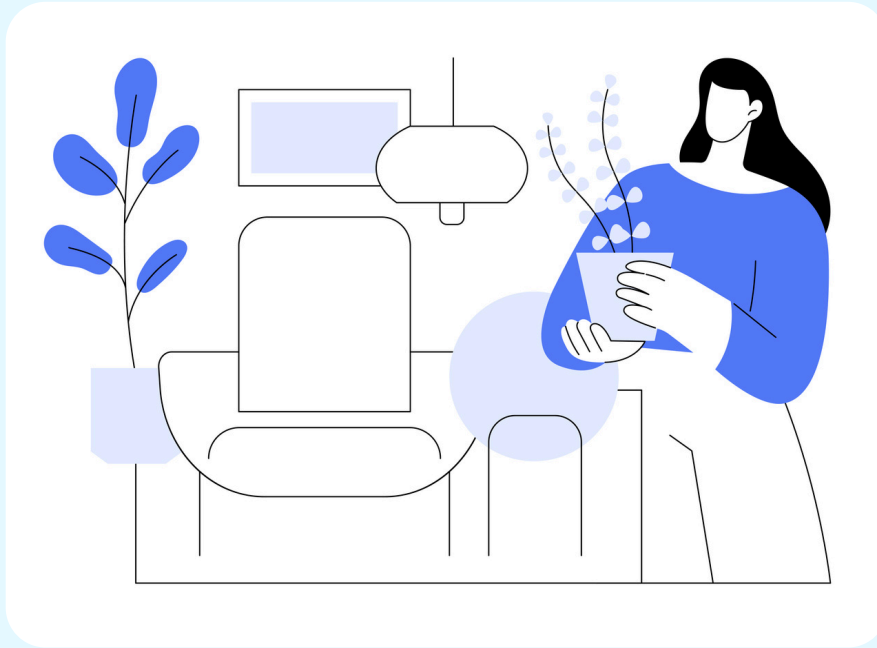
- **Clear Clutter:** Move shoes, bags, and other clutter out of the entryway. If necessary, use a storage bin or closet to keep things organized.
- **Sweep or Vacuum:** Clean the floors in the entryway to get rid of dirt, leaves, or other debris that might have been tracked inside.
- **Welcome Mat:** Give your welcome mat a good shake or vacuum to remove dirt, so guests don't track it inside.

### Coat Area:

- **Prepare for Guest Coats:** Ensure there's enough room in your coat closet or a designated space for guests to hang their jackets or store their bags.



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## 5. Quick Final Touches for a Polished Look

Before guests arrive, take a few final steps to ensure your home feels fresh and welcoming.

### Fragrance:

- Use Air Fresheners or Candles: Light a scented candle or use an essential oil diffuser with a welcoming scent like vanilla, lavender, or citrus. Avoid overpowering fragrances —keep it subtle and pleasant.

### Fresh Flowers or Greenery:

- Add a Natural Touch: A small vase of fresh flowers or a potted plant can add a vibrant, homey feel to your space. Place them in the entryway, living room, or dining area for a simple decorative touch.

### Lighting:

- Adjust the Lighting: Opt for soft, warm lighting to create a cozy atmosphere. You can dim the lights or use lamps for more ambient lighting. Avoid overly bright or harsh lights, which can make the space feel less inviting.

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## 6. Delegate Tasks and Time Management

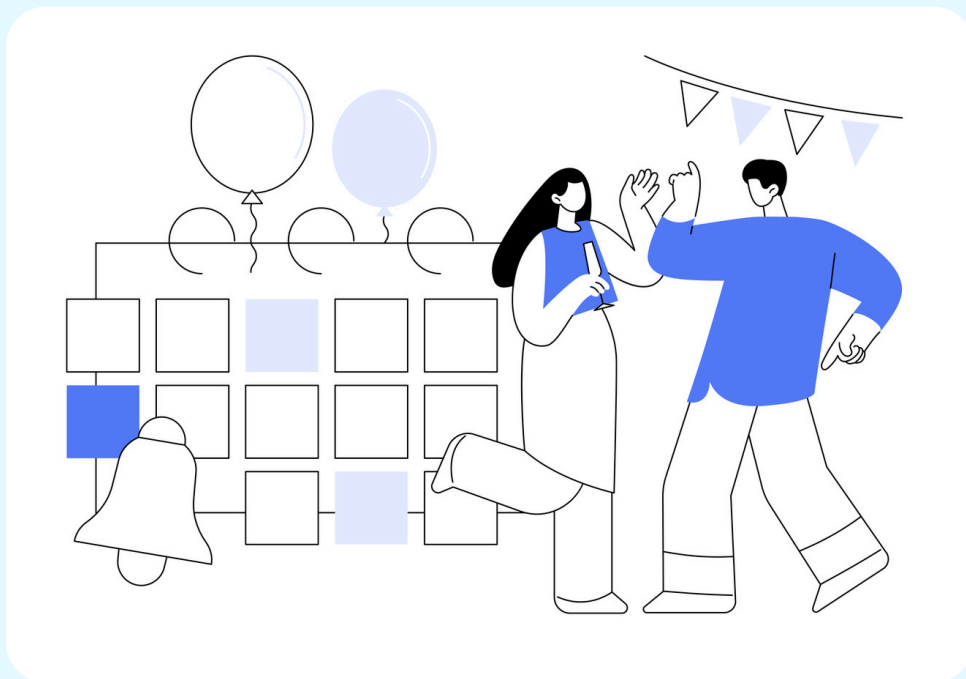
Cleaning doesn't have to fall on one person's shoulders. Delegate small tasks to family members or roommates to make things go quicker.

Family Involvement:

- Delegate Kid-Friendly Tasks: Children can help by organizing shoes in the entryway, tidying up toys, or fluffing pillows in the living room. Assign age-appropriate tasks to get the job done faster.

Set a Timer:

- Stay on Schedule: Give yourself a specific amount of time for each cleaning task, especially if you're short on time. A timer can help you stay focused and prevent you from spending too much time on one area.





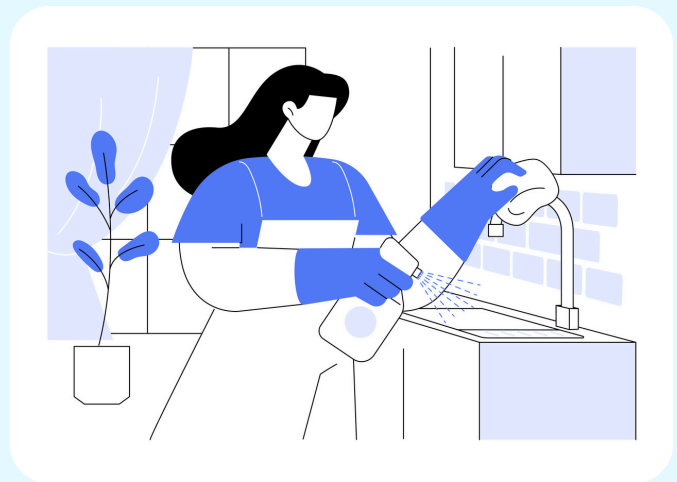
# CONCLUSION:

## ENJOY YOUR EVENT WITH CONFIDENCE

By following this simple pre-event cleaning checklist, you'll have a clean, fresh home that's ready to impress your guests. With a focus on the key areas where your visitors will spend the most time, you can minimize your cleaning stress and ensure everything looks polished and inviting. Now, with your home ready, you can relax and enjoy the company of your family and friends!

# ABOUT ONIX CLEANING SERVICES

Onix Cleaning Services is a professional cleaning company owned by **Maria De Souza** proudly serving the Greater Boston area, with a special focus on Suffolk County, South Boston, Downtown, and the Seaport District. With a reputation for excellence, Onix Cleaning Services specializes in providing high-quality, customized cleaning solutions for busy professionals, young families, retirees, and pet owners alike.



Dedicated to making life easier for their clients, Onix Cleaning Services offers a wide range of residential and commercial cleaning options, from regular maintenance cleans to deep cleaning sessions, using eco-friendly and non-toxic products to ensure a safe, healthy environment for everyone. With years of experience and a commitment to customer satisfaction, Onix Cleaning Services helps families reclaim their time and peace of mind by delivering spotless, organized spaces that allow them to focus on what really matters.

With Onix Cleaning Services, you can spend less time cleaning and more time living.

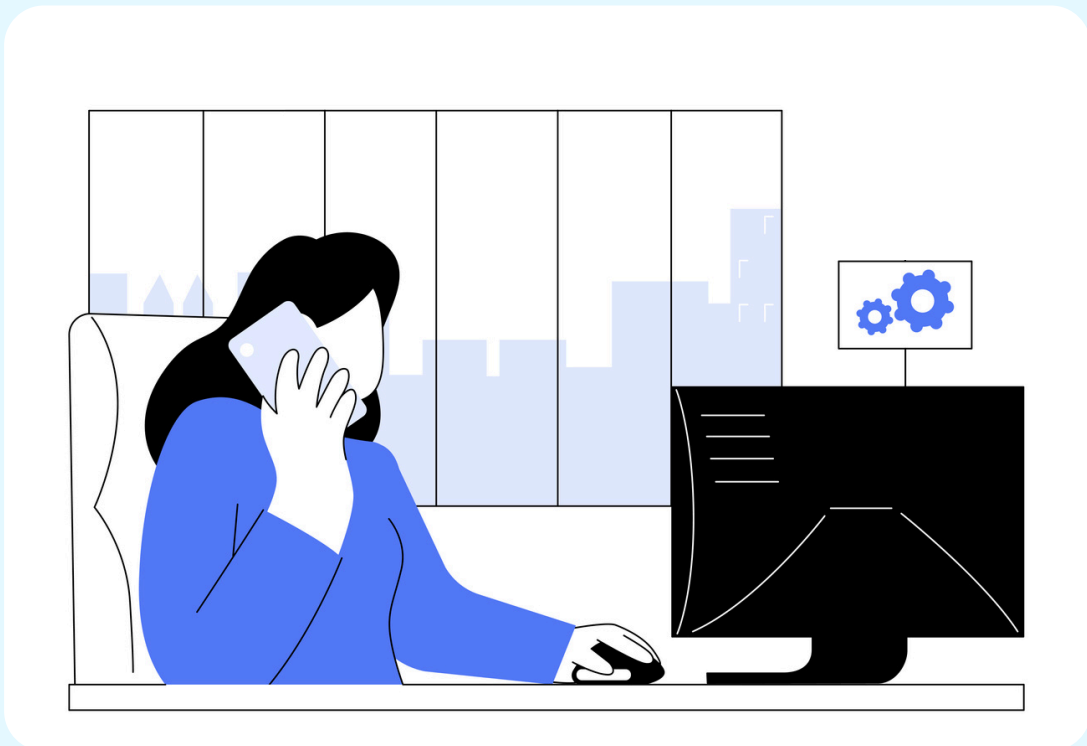
# READY TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HOME?



Now that you have the tools, it's time to take action. Start by implementing just one or two of the tips in this guide and build from there. You'll be amazed at how much more manageable your home feels in just a few days. Remember, it's about progress, not perfection. Begin today, and create a home that works for you and your family!

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