

End of Lease Cleaning Guide to Get Your Bond Back

The Ultimate Renter's Guide to End-of-Lease Cleaning

Preparing for your move-out inspection and bond return can feel overwhelming. Whether you're tackling the job yourself or considering professional help, follow these expert tips to ensure every detail is covered.

Plan Ahead: Avoid Last-Minute Stress

A proactive cleaning schedule throughout your tenancy is the key to success. Just like cramming study for an exam results in mediocre performance, waiting until the last minute for your end-of-lease clean can lead to missed spots and costly re-dos.

Tip: If you plan to do it yourself, set aside ample time to thoroughly clean each area before handing over the keys. Alternatively, if you prefer a professional touch, book your service early to ensure a seamless process.



Tackle One Room at a Time

Divide and conquer the cleaning process by focusing on one room at a time. A segmented approach helps avoid feeling overwhelmed and ensures that no area is overlooked.

- Kitchen: Deep-clean surfaces, appliances, and floors. Don't neglect behind the refrigerator, the oven and rangehood.
- Living Areas & Bedrooms: Dust and wipe walls, clean windows (inside and out), and clear out cobwebs as well as carpet flooring.
- Bathrooms & Laundry: Scrub toilets, showers, and basins; pay attention to mirrors and grout.
- Outdoor Areas: Sweep, hose and scrub down decks and patios, and tidy up yards.

The Devil Is in the Details

For a full bond refund, your property must be left in pristine condition, whilst making sure your property manager/tenants focal points are targeted. Ensure you address these often-missed spots:

Kitchen:

- Surfaces: Thorough wipe down all counters.
- o Cabinets: Clean cupboard interiors and exteriors, targeting any dust and debris.
- Sinks: Scrub of sink, removing any lingering stains and any lingering food debris present also deeply scrubbing taps.
- Ovens: Targeting oven with a strong chemicals and appropriate safety equipment to ensure a maximised clean to remove debris and built up stains. Clean of oven racks and degrease of the rangehood.
- Cook-Tops: Deep clean and wipe down of all cook-tops and use of steel wool scrubber to remove debris.

Interiors:

- Walls & Windows: Use a sugar soap solution to erase marks and clean glass surfaces with a streak-free method. For gritty stains and marks on walls, steel wool scrubber is gently applied to remove and ensure paint is not damaged.
- o Cabinets & Drawers: Empty and wipe every nook, including ledges and skirting boards.
- Floors: Vacuuming floorboards and tiles and mopping with specialised cleaning products. If you have carpet flooring, a deep carpet steam clean is usually required to remove contaminants.
- Air conditioner: Removal of air conditioner filters and clean of dust build up. Wipe down exterior of unit.

Bathrooms & Laundry:

- Toilets: Disinfect every part, including under the seat and inside the tank. Target toilet bowl stains with acidic solution.
- Showers: Remove soap scum and mould, and clean glass doors and fixtures meticulously.
- Ceiling Fan: Clean of ceiling fan exterior and filter.
- o Bathtubs; Thorough scrub of bathtub.

Exteriors:

- Outdoor Maintenance: Mow lawns, trim hedges, and give a thorough clean to bins, patios, and garages.
- o Decks: Sweep and mop of decks to target any lingering marks and stains.



When to Call in the Professionals

End-of-lease cleaning isn't just a simple scrub-down—it's a detailed, time-consuming process that requires precision. If the thought of tackling every hidden corner feels daunting, remember that expert help is only a phone call away.

Rather have experts handle the heavy lifting so you can focus on your move? Reach us at 0418 745 959 or visit www.afterglowcleaning.com.au for a free quote.

Final Touches

Before finalising your move-out, take one last sweep through your property:

- Double-Check: Revisit areas that are easily overlooked such as window tracks, light switches, and appliance interiors.
- Document: Photograph your cleaned property to avoid any disputes during the bond refund process.
- Rest Easy: A professional clean not only ensures your bond is returned, it gives you peace of mind as you transition to your new home.

End-of-lease cleaning might seem overwhelming, but with a strategic plan and attention to detail, you can secure your full bond return. Whether you choose the DIY route or decide to book a professional service, remember that a meticulous clean today can save you time, money, and stress tomorrow.

For expert end-of-lease cleaning that guarantees results, contact AfterGlow Cleaning Services on 0418 745 959 or visit www.afterglowcleaning.com.au now. Enjoy a stress-free move and

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