

Builders Clean Checklist

Room by room, top to bottom — the order a professional crew works in

How to use it: work top to bottom in every room, and back to front through the building so you finish at the exit. Floors always come last — clean them early and you will clean them twice. Tick as you go and hand the completed sheet to the builder at sign-off.

BEFORE THE CLEAN — SITE PREP

- ☐ All major trades finished and off site
- ☐ Major debris removed: timber offcuts, packaging, plasterboard, nails and screws
- ☐ Power and water connected
- ☐ Delicate surfaces flagged: stone, raw or oiled timber, tinted glass, powder-coat
- ☐ Access sorted — keys, lift booking, parking, waste bin on site
- ☐ Air conditioning left OFF until the final clean is complete

EVERY ROOM — THE STANDARD PASS

- ☐ Ceilings, cornices and ceiling fans dusted
- ☐ Air vents and returns vacuumed
- ☐ Light fittings, downlights and diffusers wiped
- ☐ Walls spot-cleaned; adhesive, scuffs and paint flecks removed
- ☐ Skirting boards, architraves and door frames wiped, including top edges
- ☐ Doors both sides, plus handles, hinges and door stops
- ☐ Light switches, power points and data plates cleaned
- ☐ Robes and cupboards: inside, shelves, rails, tracks, tops of doors
- ☐ Stickers, barcodes and protective film removed
- ☐ Floors HEPA-vacuumed, then mopped with the correct product

WINDOWS AND GLASS

- ☐ Glass cleaned both sides, streak-free
- ☐ Frames, sills and reveals wiped
- ☐ Tracks vacuumed then detailed
- ☐ Paint specks and silicone smears removed (plastic scraper only on tinted glass)
- ☐ Flyscreens brushed or washed and refitted
- ☐ Mirrors and glass splashbacks polished

KITCHEN

- ☐ Benchtops and splashback cleaned with a pH-neutral product
- ☐ Cupboards and drawers inside and out, handles and kickboards
- ☐ Sink, tap and drain polished; plumbing residue removed
- ☐ Oven inside and out, racks, trays and door glass
- ☐ Cooktop, rangehood surface and filters
- ☐ Dishwasher exterior and door seal; fridge cavity and water point
- ☐ Protective film peeled from all appliances, adhesive residue removed

BATHROOMS AND LAUNDRY

- ☐ Shower screen and tiles cleaned; grout haze removed
- ☐ Silicone smears and sealant residue cleaned off tiles and glass
- ☐ Vanity, basin, mirror and cabinet inside and out
- ☐ Toilet including cistern, seat, hinges and base
- ☐ Tapware, towel rails and fittings polished
- ☐ Exhaust fans dusted and vacuumed
- ☐ Laundry tub, cupboards, taps and appliance connections
- ☐ Floor wastes and drain grates cleared of grout and debris

OUTSIDE, BALCONIES AND GARAGE

- ☐ Paths, driveway and entry swept or pressure-washed (low setting)
- ☐ Balcony glass, railings and drainage points
- ☐ Garage floor swept and spot-cleaned
- ☐ External windows, door frames and entry glass
- ☐ All remaining waste removed and disposed of per local regulations

MOST COMMONLY MISSED — CHECK THESE TWICE

- ☐ Window and door tracks
- ☐ Top edges of doors, robes and architraves
- ☐ Inside cupboards, drawers and robe shelving
- ☐ Air vents and exhaust fans
- ☐ Light switch surrounds and power points
- ☐ Silicone smears along tiles and shower screens
- ☐ Behind and under appliances
- ☐ Sticker adhesive on glass, appliances and tapware

SAFETY

- ☐ HEPA-filtered vacuum in use (not a domestic unit)
- ☐ Wet-wiping instead of dry dusting where possible
- ☐ P2 masks, gloves, eye protection and non-slip footwear worn
- ☐ Sharps sweep completed — nails, screws, offcuts, glass
- ☐ Site ventilated; no chemicals mixed on site

FINAL WALKTHROUGH

- ☐ Inspected in natural light, not just under downlights
- ☐ Checked at eye level and from low down (skirtings, kickboards, door bottoms)
- ☐ Every cupboard, drawer and robe opened and checked
- ☐ Hand run along tracks, sills and top edges
- ☐ Each room photographed for records
- ☐ Next-day recheck for settled dust (where possible)

SIGN-OFF

Project / site	Date	Cleaned by	Builder / PM sign-off
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Fine construction dust contains respirable crystalline silica. Follow Safe Work Australia guidance on silica and use HEPA extraction on every builders clean.