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The Ultimate Bathroom Cleaning Checklist for Every Schedule

Let's face it, cleaning the bathroom isn't a favorite task. But with our comprehensive bathroom cleaning checklist, including ideas for daily, weekly, and seasonal jobs, this essential chore will be easier than ever to cross off your to-do list.

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We've all waited to clean the bathroom until the day guests arrive or put off scrubbing the toilet until an unwanted ring makes an appearance. It happens. But deep cleaning doesn't have to be daunting. Staying on top of little cleaning projects means the larger seasonal cleaning projects will be that much easier. Our complete bathroom cleaning checklist is broken into daily, weekly, and monthly to-do lists so you'll know how and when to best clean each area of your space.



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Daily Bathroom Cleaning Checklist

Complete these quick bathroom cleaning tasks every day to keep the space neat and tidy.

1. Declutter Countertops

With your morning beauty routine complete, it's time to start your day. But first, make sure to return your cosmetics, hair tools, and toiletries to their designated homes. If you don't have a lot of drawer space, look to [bathroom storage hacks](#) for help. This [tiny decluttering habit](#) will do wonders for both your mood and the

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2. Hang Up Towels

It's easy to drop your wet towel on the floor after showering and promise yourself you'll get to it later. But hanging it up only takes a few seconds and will save you (and your floor) [from unwanted mold and mildew](#)—and an extra load of laundry!

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Weekly Bathroom Cleaning Checklist

Set aside time each week to complete this bathroom cleaning checklist for spotless surfaces and fixtures.

1. Wipe Down Counters

Make sure your vanity is completely cleared of items so you can give bathroom countertops a proper cleaning. The best cleaning solutions will vary by surface material. Soak and scrub tile with baking soda and water, but stick to warm,

soapy water to clean marble and granite. Wipe off any remaining water with a dry cloth.

2. Disinfect Toilet

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Remove any hair, soap, and other things from the toilet rim and tank. This will save you from pushing grime around as you disinfect later. Next, use a bleach-base spray or foam to sanitize the toilet. Start with the outside and work your way into the bowl rim. To clean inside the toilet bowl, look to [disposable bowl scrubbers with built-in cleaner](#) (\$8, [Target](#)), or pop in a few antacids and let them dissolve before scrubbing with a toilet wand. You can even [clean a toilet using vodka](#). If you don't use disposable toilet-scrubbing attachments, add a few caps of bleach to a gallon of warm water and soak your toilet brush for an hour to disinfect it after every use. Be sure to open any windows or turn on the exhaust fan when cleaning with bleach.

3. Sanitize Sink

Spray your sink, faucet handles, and drain with [your favorite surface cleaner](#) or [homemade vinegar-water solution](#), then let it sit a few moments to break down grime. Next, use a twisted cleaning wipe or paper towel to clean between and behind the faucet knobs. You'll be surprised by how much gunk hangs out there. Finish by wiping off the faucet, a prime target for errant toothpaste and sink splatters.

4. Clean Drains

Pay attention to your [sink and shower drains](#) as you run water every morning. The slower the water goes down, the more likely there's hair and buildup that needs to be cleaned out. Remove the stopper and try to unclog drains using the end of a wire hanger. If that doesn't work, consider using a [commercial gel clog remover](#) (\$4, [The Home Depot](#)). However, these products can damage pipes if not used properly, so be sure to read the manufacturer's instructions before you start.

5. Vacuum and Mop Floor

The last thing to do is clean the bathroom floor. You'll want to save this for the final task because dust, hair, and chemicals from cleaning products have likely fallen on the floor during cleaning. Use a vacuum to pick up loose debris, then mop floors with soapy water. If you have ceramic tile, vinyl, or linoleum floors,

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Monthly Bathroom Cleaning Checklist

Plan to tackle a deep bathroom cleaning about once a month. Follow these steps to maintain a clean bathroom long term.

1. Polish Mirrors

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Wash the mirror clean, wipe from top to bottom in a circular motion until your mirror is streak-free and back to its original shine. Avoid using paper towels, which can leave pesky residue behind.

2. Scrub Shower and Tub

Before cleaning your shower or bathtub, clear the space of any soap or shampoo bottles. Use an ammonia-based commercial cleaner, or create your own solution by filling a spray bottle with equal parts vinegar and dish soap. Working from top to bottom, spray the solution onto the walls, hardware, and floor of your tub or shower. Let it soak for 5 to 10 minutes before scrubbing with a brush. Use a bucket of warm water or your showerhead to wash it all off, squeegeeing it or using a microfiber cloth to wipe each surface dry.

3. Wash Shower Curtain and Liner

The bathroom is a hotbed for mold and mildew thanks to excess moisture, and your shower curtain and liner are prime places for it. Throw them in the washing machine at least once a month, making sure to read the care tag for instructions. While they're tumbling clean, take the time to wipe down the rod and rings.

4. Wash Bathroom Rugs and Shower Mat

Bath mats and rugs are magnets for hair, dust, and anything you track in on your shoes during those last-minute mirror checks. Most rugs can be thrown in the washing machine, but check the care tag beforehand. No tag? Use our complete tutorial for cleaning bathroom rugs to help you determine which method to use based on the material.

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Seasonal Bathroom Cleaning Checklist

Some bathroom cleaning jobs only need to be completed a few times a year. Work these tasks into your spring and [fall cleaning routines](#) to keep the space organized and germ-free throughout the year.

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Once you empty the bin, it's a good habit to wash out your trash bin every couple of months. After you've removed any trash, add a few drops of liquid dish soap to the bin, and fill with warm water. Let it soak as needed, then wipe it dry using an old rag or paper towels.

2. Seal Surfaces

Are your bathroom countertops or shower surfaces made of granite or marble? If so, you'll want to keep those natural beauties looking their best by resealing them with a [commercial sealer](#) (\$20, [The Home Depot](#)) every few months. For an easy way to test if granite needs to be sealed, sprinkle a few drops of water onto the granite. If it bubbles up, skip sealing for now. If it soaks in, it's time to reseal.

3. Organize Medicine Cabinet

Although typically behind closed doors, the [medicine cabinet needs a little love](#) too. Start by organizing the contents, [safely disposing of any medicine](#) or tossing toiletries with expired dates. Use cleaning wipes or soapy water and a microfiber cloth to sanitize the shelves before returning items.

4. Dust Baseboards

Baseboards seem to catch every fleck of dust in bathrooms. Have kids dust tight areas you might not be able to reach using a microfiber cloth. If your baseboards are wood, a [commercial wood cleaner](#) (\$3, [The Home Depot](#)) will restore the shine.

5. Clean Bathroom Exhaust Fan

This bathroom feature may be above eye level, but keep it in mind. It's important to clean your exhaust vent at least every six months, if not each season.

Neglecting to do so can make the fan less effective which leads to excess moisture building up in your bathroom. To clean a bathroom exhaust fan, turn off the power at the circuit breaker. Unscrew the vent cover from the ceiling. You might want to have a trash bin and protective eyewear at the ready because dust

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into the ceiling.

Keep all your bathroom cleaning chores straight with this handy to-do list. To make sure it's easily accessible, try printing it out and attaching it inside a bathroom cabinet door. That way, you (and other family members, too!) will know exactly what needs to get clean.

Complete Bathroom Cleaning Checklist

- ☐ Declutter countertops
- ☐ Hang up towels
- ☐ Clear off and wipe down counters
- ☐ Disinfect the toilet
- ☐ Sanitize the sink
- ☐ Clean sink and shower drains
- ☐ Vacuum and mop floor
- ☐ Polish mirrors

☐ **Scrub shower and tub**

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☐ **Wash bathroom rugs and shower mat**

☐ **Clean trash can**

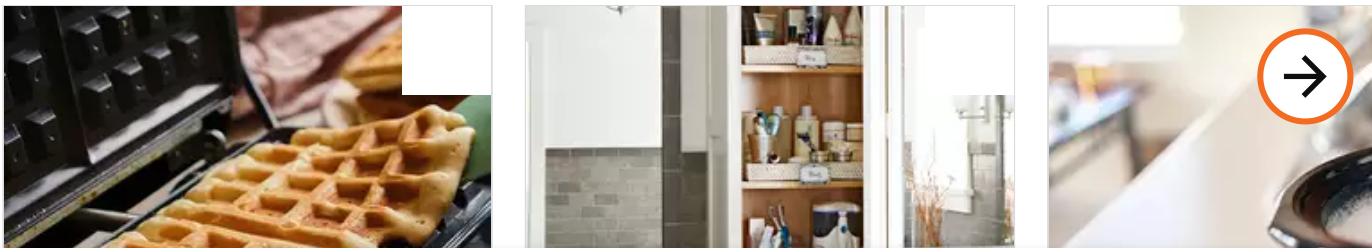
☐ **Seal countertop or shower surfaces**

☐ **Organize the medicine cabinet**


☐ **Dust baseboards**

☐ **Clean the bathroom exhaust fan**

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