Bathroom Deep Cleaning

A Complete Checklist

SAFETY FIRST: Never mix bleach with vinegar, ammonia, hydrogen peroxide or other cleaners.
Check labels, ventilate the room and avoid vinegar on natural stone.

Gather Your Supplies

- All-purpose bathroom cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Disinfectant cleaner or wipes
- Glass cleaner
- White vinegar, baking soda + dish soap
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Non-scratch sponge or Magic Eraser
- Stiff-bristle scrub brush
- Microfiber cloths + paper towels
- Squeegee
- Old toothbrush or grout brush
- Toilet brush
- Vacuum & crevice attachment
- Long-handled duster
- Rubber gloves + trash bags

1 Before You Begin

- ☐ Open a window or turn on the exhaust fan
- ☐ Remove towels, bathmats, trash + laundry
- ☐ Clear the shower, tub, sink + counters
- ☐ Remove decor and small items
- ☐ Apply cleaners that need time to sit
- ☐ Work from the top of the room downward
- ☐ Save the toilet and floor for last

2 Shower & Bathtub

- ☐ Remove bottles, razors, loofahs + toys
- ☐ Discard empty or expired products
- ☐ Remove loose hair from drain and corners
- ☐ Apply a surface-safe bathroom cleaner
- ☐ Let the cleaner sit for 10-15 minutes
- ☐ Scrub walls, tub, floor + corners
- ☐ Scrub grout with an old toothbrush
- ☐ Clean around the drain and remove hair
- ☐ Rinse every surface thoroughly
- ☐ Squeegee or towel-dry walls and fixtures
- ☐ Return only clean, frequently used items

3 Shower Curtain or Glass

- ☐ Machine-wash with detergent + old towels, if safe
- ☐ Hang curtain and liner to air-dry
- ☐ Wipe the shower rod and curtain rings
- ☐ Spray glass with an appropriate cleaner
- ☐ Scrub soap scum with a non-scratch sponge
- ☐ Clean handles, seals + the bottom track
- ☐ Rinse, then dry glass completely

4 Toilet

- ☐ Apply bowl cleaner underneath the rim
- ☐ Scrub under the rim, bowl + waterline
- ☐ Clean the tank, lid + flush handle
- ☐ Clean both sides of the seat
- ☐ Scrub around and behind seat hinges
- ☐ Wipe the outside of the bowl + pedestal
- ☐ Clean bolts and the seam at the floor
- ☐ Dust the wall and floor behind the tank
- ☐ Disinfect the surrounding floor
- ☐ Clean and air-dry the toilet brush

5 Sink & Vanity

- ☐ Clear the countertop completely
- ☐ Spray counter and sink; let cleaner sit briefly
- ☐ Wipe the counter, edges + backsplash
- ☐ Soften and remove dried toothpaste
- ☐ Scrub the basin and drain area
- ☐ Clean around faucet bases with a toothbrush
- ☐ Wipe faucet and handles; buff dry
- ☐ Return only clean, frequently used items

6 Mirror

- ☐ Remove stuck-on toothpaste with a damp cloth
- ☐ Lightly apply glass cleaner
- ☐ Wipe top to bottom in overlapping strokes
- ☐ Clean the edges and corners
- ☐ Buff with a clean, dry microfiber cloth

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Smart Cleaning Hacks

- Use different-color cloths for the toilet to prevent cross-contamination.
- Wrap a dry cloth around a paint stirrer to reach behind the toilet tank.
- Press cleaner-soaked paper towels into shower-door tracks before scrubbing.
- Use dental floss to clean the narrow seam around faucet fixtures.
- A drain tool works better on hair clogs than baking soda and vinegar.
- Squeegee shower walls after use to slow soap scum and water spots.

7 Cabinets & Drawers

- ☐ Remove items from cabinets and drawers
- ☐ Discard expired, empty or unused products
- ☐ Vacuum loose hair and debris
- ☐ Wipe shelves, drawers + cabinet interiors
- ☐ Clean cabinet and drawer fronts
- ☐ Wipe knobs, handles + pulls
- ☐ Dry all surfaces thoroughly
- ☐ Group similar products before replacing

8 Linen Closet

- ☐ Remove everything from the closet
- ☐ Vacuum corners and wipe shelves
- ☐ Discard ragged towels and washcloths
- ☐ Remove expired toiletries and medications
- ☐ Set aside unused items to donate
- ☐ Group towels, linens + backstock products
- ☐ Fold and return items neatly
- ☐ Label shelves or bins, if helpful

9 Walls, Doors, & Baseboards

- ☐ Dust walls, ceiling corners + cobwebs
- ☐ Spot-clean splashes and marks
- ☐ Wipe the door and doorframe; disinfect knob
- ☐ Vacuum dust and hair from baseboards
- ☐ Dry baseboards thoroughly

10 Floor

- ☐ Remove bathmats, trash can + movable items
- ☐ Vacuum or sweep the entire floor
- ☐ Clean along edges and behind the toilet
- ☐ Spot-treat sticky spills or stains
- ☐ Mop with a floor-safe cleaner
- ☐ Scrub grout lines as needed

11 Light Switches & Exhaust Fans

- ☐ Turn off lights and let bulbs cool
- ☐ Dust fixtures, bulbs + shades
- ☐ Disinfect switch plates and door handles
- ☐ Turn off power to the exhaust fan
- ☐ Vacuum dust from the fan cover
- ☐ Wash removable cover if manufacturer allows
- ☐ Replace the dry cover and restore power

✳ Small But Important

- Wash and disinfect the toothbrush holder
- Clean soap dishes, dispensers + trays
- Wipe bottles before returning them
- Replace worn toothbrushes and loofahs
- Launder towels and bathmats
- Clean the toilet-brush holder
- Remove hair and debris from drains
- Clean the drain covers
- Wash the trash can inside and out
- Dry the can and add a fresh liner

Final Touches & Extras

- Refill soap, toilet paper + necessities
- Replace clean towels and bathmats
- Rinse, disinfect + dry cleaning tools
- Launder reusable cleaning cloths
- Take out the trash
- Let the bathroom air out
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