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FOR FIRST-TIME AND REGULAR CLIENTS

Before Your Cleaners Arrive: A One-Page Prep Guide

You do not need to clean before the cleaners come. You do need to make the home easy to clean. A few minutes of prep means the time goes into scrubbing, not moving things around. This is the short list we give people who ask.

The day before

- [ ] Decide how we get in: you at home, a door code, a lockbox or a hidden key
- [ ] Tell us about pets and where they should be during the visit
- [ ] Name the rooms that matter most, and any rooms to skip
- [ ] Mention products you prefer, allergies, or surfaces that need special care
- [ ] Tell us about parking, gate codes and anything unusual about the driveway

The morning of

- [ ] Put away clutter on counters, floors and the tops of dressers so surfaces can be wiped
- [ ] Move valuables, cash, medications and fragile keepsakes out of the way
- [ ] Clear the sink and load the dishwasher
- [ ] Put dirty laundry in a hamper, and strip beds if you want fresh sheets put on
- [ ] Pick up toys, cords and shoes from the floors
- [ ] Leave a note about anything that needs attention, such as a spill or a stained rug

What you do not need to do

- Scrub anything first. It makes it harder for us to judge what the home needs.
- Hide the mess. We have seen it all, and there is no judgment.
- Buy special products. Tell us your preferences and we will talk it through.

Surfaces worth telling a cleaner about

- Natural stone counters or floors such as marble, which can etch with some products
- Unsealed or waxed wood floors

- Fine finishes, antique furniture and anything with a delicate coating
- Appliances with special instructions, like steam ovens or induction tops

Questions worth asking any cleaner before you book

1. Who will actually be in my home, and will it be the same people each visit?
2. Will you give me an estimate after seeing the home or hearing about it, and what does it cover?
3. What is included in a standard visit, and what counts as extra?
4. How do I tell you about a problem after a visit, and how is it handled?
5. How do you want to handle keys, codes and entry?

Want a hand with home cleaning?

Call Jeremy at (503) 505-0174 or ask for a free quote at meadowlarkhomecleaning.com/contact. The quote is free, with no obligation.

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