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Vacation Rental Turnover Checklist

A turnover is a full reset in a short window. Guests leave at 10 and the next ones arrive at 3, and the review you get next depends on what they find on the counter. Use this list to build your own routine, or to agree with a cleaner exactly what a turnover includes.

Settle three things with your cleaner first

How you want to hear about damage or lost items. Where the clean linens, towels and supplies live. And what time the cleaner can get in on checkout day. Put all three in writing so a busy Saturday does not turn into a guessing game.

On arrival

- [ ] Walk the whole property first and note damage, spills, stains or anything left behind
- [ ] Photograph anything unusual before touching it, and send it to the host
- [ ] Open windows briefly to clear stale air if the weather allows
- [ ] Strip the beds and start the linen laundry, or collect the used linens

Kitchen

- [ ] Run and empty the dishwasher, and put dishes away
- [ ] Clean inside the fridge, the microwave and the oven if it was used
- [ ] Wipe counters, the stovetop, sink and small appliances
- [ ] Empty coffee makers and clean filters and pots
- [ ] Check pots, pans, plates and utensils against your inventory
- [ ] Take out trash and recycling and put in fresh bags

Bedrooms and bathrooms

- [ ] Make the beds with clean linens, pillows and covers
- [ ] Clean toilets, showers, tubs, sinks, mirrors and floors
- [ ] Set out fresh towels and restock soap, toilet paper and tissues
- [ ] Check under beds and in drawers for left-behind items
- [ ] Wipe light switches, door handles and remote controls

Mountain and cabin extras

- [ ] Move wood stove or fireplace ash into a covered metal container kept outdoors, at least 10 feet from the building and anything that burns, once it is fully cool[1]
- [ ] Wipe the boot tray and mats, and sweep or mop the entry
- [ ] Sweep the deck, porch and steps, and shake out the doormats
- [ ] Check the hot tub cover, lid and surrounding floor if you have one
- [ ] Restock firewood, kindling and matches if you offer them

Final guest-ready walk

- [ ] Vacuum and mop every floor last, moving toward the door
- [ ] Check every light, lamp and smoke alarm light
- [ ] Set the thermostat to your arrival temperature
- [ ] Stage the home the way your listing photos show it
- [ ] Lock up and confirm the lockbox or door code works
- [ ] Send the host a short note with any issues found and a few photos

Check your local rules

Short-term rental rules vary by county and city. Unincorporated Clackamas County requires registration before you advertise or book a rental.[2] Hood River County requires a permit under its zoning ordinance.[3] Rentals inside city limits follow their city's rules, so check with yours before you list.

Sources

[1] Home Heating, Oregon State Fire Marshal. https://www.oregon.gov/osfm/education/pages/home-heating.aspx

[2] Short-Term Rentals (STR) program page, Clackamas County. https://www.clackamas.us/str

[3] Article 53 Home Occupations, Short-Term Rentals, Marijuana and Psilocybin (zoning ordinance, updated 11-20-24), Hood River County. https://www.hoodrivercounty.gov/uploads/dm/6091/ARTICLE_53__Home_Occupation_Short_Term_Rentals_Marijuana__Psilocybin

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