# SUMMER CLEANING CHECKLIST FROM A PEST CONTROL EXPERT

#### THE KITCHEN

- deep clean the dishwasher
- $\hfill\square$  clean and organize the refrigerator
- $\hfill\square$  clean and organize the freezer
- vacuum refrigerator coils
- clean the oven
- clean stove top burners
- □ clean and disinfect the garbage disposal
- clean and organize plastic and other food storage containers
- organize the pantry
- clean and organize kitchen drawers
- □ deep clean pots, pans, and bakeware
- $\hfill\square$  clean the hood vent and change filter if needed
- clean and disinfect small appliances
- reorganize kitchen cabinets and drawers
- clean the pot rack
- $\hfill\square$  clean and disinfect the trash can

### THE BEDROOMS

- Wash windows and window sills. Take out and wash window screens
- □ For each drawer: remove items, wash drawer, place items back neatly. Donate Items you no longer need.
- Remove everything from closets. Sweep and wash closet floor. Put everything back neatly.
- Donate items you no longer need. Try not to store things on closet floor.
- □ Move Bed. Sweep or vacuum under bed. Try not to store things under bed.
- □ Launder bedding and curtains. Wash pillows in hot water
- □ Wash floor registers and other vent covers
- Dust lights. Clean lamp shades.
- Wash switch plates. Wash walls and trim as needed.

### THE LIVING ROOM

- Vacuum sofas.
- □ Spot clean sofas, where you may have stains
- □ Launder throw pillows and blankets.
- Dust shelves, furniture and decor.
- □ Clean lamps and lampshades.
- $\hfill\square$  Wash windows and window sills.
- □ Take out and wash window screens.
- Clean television screen.
- □ Carefully dust electronics.
- □ Tidy electronics wires.
- $\hfill\square$  Sort through music and DVD's.

- straighten cups, mugs, and glasses in the cabinets and cupboard
- $\hfill\square$  clean and disinfect high chairs
- $\hfill\square$  deep clean and polish cabinet doors
- $\hfill\square$  clean tile and use touch up paint on walls
- deep clean floors
- □ disinfect door knobs, light fixtures and pulls
- $\hfill\square$  clean the microwave
- $\hfill\square$  clean under the sink and eliminate the unnecessary
- Reset Mouse traps
- $\hfill\square$  Change out spider and cockroach traps
- Sweep away cobwebs
- □ Clean other areas that don't see the light of day
- clean vents
- clean crumbs out of your toaster
- clean under fridge and stove

#### **THE BATHROOMS**

- Empty all cabinets and vanity. Wash inside, replace items neatly. Discard expired medications and cosmetics.
- Wash outside of cabinets and vanities
- $\hfill\square$  Clean sink and drain.
- Wash windows and window sills. Take out and wash window screens.
- □ Clean mirror and frame .
- Dust light fixtures.
- □ Clean toilet, inside and out. Remove seat and clean around seat bolts.
- □ Wash light switch plates.
- Wash walls and trim.
- Wash doors and door knobs.
- □ Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
- □ Sweep and wash floors.
- Clean tub. Clean drain.
- □ Shine faucets.
- Sort books and magazines. Donate or recycle ones that you no longer read.
- Wash hard plastic children's toys with warm soapy water. Rinse and dry. Launder stuffed toys.
- □ Wash light switch plates.
- Wash walls and trim as needed.
- Wash doors and knobs.
- □ Wash floor registers and other vent covers.
- Clean floors.
- $\hfill\square$  Dust cobwebs in corners and all over the room



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#### THE LAUNDRY ROOM

- Clean out your dryer vent
- clean inside washing machine
- empty washing machine drain pump
- dust crown molding, wall corners, and floor molding
- $\hfill\square$  dust behind and underneath washer and dryer
- □ sweep and mop floors
- reseal tile grout
- wash walls
- $\hfill\square$  clean and organize contents on shelving and in cabinets
- eliminate unnecessary cleaning products
- install organizers to hold cleaning products
- disinfect door knobs and light switch plates
- clean out from under washer and dryer
- clean out any cobwebs
- check door seal (replace if compromised)

#### THE GARAGE

- Empty everything out of the garage and dust each item
- □ Throw away unneeded items, label and box needed items.
- Sweep cobwebs found in the corners and the ceiling
- Wash Walls
- □ Wash light switch plates
- Wash Walls
- Sweep Garage Floor
- Mop Garage Floor
- Return all needed items into the garage in an organized fashion

#### OUTSIDE

- Clean your Gutters
- □ Rinse your Driveway
- Wash Windows
- Trim Hedges
- Weed Plants
- Mow the Lawn
- Wash Siding
- □ Spray for Weeds
- Sweep patio
- Look for any repairs that may need to be made on the patio or fence
- Look for wasp nests along the siding of your house, trees, or swing sets
- Check for any wholes where snakes, and other rodents might be living underground
- □ Call Mantis Pest Solutions to spray for bugs and set traps.

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