

The Last Minute Clean Up

Final Sweep Checklist



The key to the last minute “sweep” is to move quickly through your house, microfiber cloth in hand, straightening and cleaning the high traffic areas that will greet your guests. Thanks to Debra Johnson, home cleaning expert for Merry Maids, for her “Season’s Cleanings” ideas used in this checklist.

- Pick up clutter, toys, mail, newspapers, etc.
- Sweep porch and foyer
- Run vacuum quickly through living room and carpeted foyer or front hall
- Fold throws blankets and fluff pillows in living room
- Toss out old magazines on the coffee table and wipe down with microfiber cloth
- Wipe down and quickly clean main bathroom toilet
- Put a fresh stock of toilet paper in the bathroom and put away your toothbrushes and paste
- Use a decorative box on bathroom counter to stash lotions and bottles
- Run your microfiber cloth around the sink and leave a festive box of tissues behind
- Straighten cloak closet to make room for guests coats
- Put dishes in the dishwasher and turn it on
- Relax – you have done a fabulous job!