The Ultimate Room-by-room Spring Cleaning Checklist

✅ General tips & tasks

☐ **Gather Supplies:** Make sure you have all the cleaning supplies you need, including microfiber cloths, all-purpose cleaner, disinfectant, gloves, garbage bags, etc.

☐ **Air Out the House:** Open windows and doors to let in fresh air during and after cleaning.

☐ **Replace Batteries:** Change batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

☐ **Inspect and Repair:** While you clean, check for any needed repairs and keep a list in a notebook for future maintenance.

☐ **Declutter:** Before you start cleaning, go through each room and declutter. Donate or discard items you no longer need.

Living Room:

☐ **Dust and Wipe Surfaces:**
  ☐ Dust shelves, tables, and other surfaces.
  ☐ Wipe down surfaces with all purpose cleaner.

☐ **Floors**
  ☐ Vacuum carpets and rugs.
  ☐ Consider professional carpet cleaning if necessary.
  ☐ Mop any hardwood surfaces

☐ **Couches, chairs, & other upholstery:**
  ☐ Vacuum upholstery and cushions.
  ☐ Spot clean any stains.
  ☐ Wash any removable pillow/ cushion covers.
  ☐ Rotate chair and couch cushions.

☐ **Window Treatments:**
  ☐ Dust blinds.
  ☐ Wash curtains
Electronics:
- Wipe down screens and clean remotes.

Air Vents:
- Vacuum air vents and replace filters.

Decor Items:
- Clean and dust decorative items like picture frames and figurines.

Light Fixtures, baseboards & trim:
- Dust and wipe down baseboards and trim.
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Kitchen:

Appliances:
- Clean inside and outside of the oven, microwave, and other appliances
- Run the dishwasher with a cleaning solution.
- Push stove out from the wall and clean behind it

Fridge:
- Discard any old and expired items
- Empty fridge and wipe down the interior

Cabinets and Pantry:
- Wipe down cabinet doors and shelves.
- Check expiration dates in the pantry.

Junk drawer
- Declutter & organize junk drawer

Countertops and Backsplash:
- Disinfect countertops & polish if necessary.
- Scrub the backsplash.

Sink and Faucets:
- Clean and disinfect the sink and faucet.
Floor:
  - Sweep and mop the floor.

Small Appliances:
  - Clean smaller kitchen appliances such as toaster, blender, and coffee maker.

Tile Grout:
  - Scrub tile grout on backsplashes.

Trash Bins:
  - Clean and disinfect trash cans.

Dining Area:
  - Clean and sanitize the dining table and chairs.
  - If chairs are upholstered, spot clean any stains.

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Bedrooms:

Floors:
  - Vacuum or Sweep and mop floors.

Bedding:
  - Wash all bedding, including sheets, pillowcases, and comforters.
  - Flip or rotate the mattress.

Closet:
  - Declutter and organize the closet.
  - Donate clothes you no longer need.
  - Vacuum or sweep.

Dust and Wipe Furniture:
  - Dust dressers, nightstands, and other furniture.
  - Wipe down surfaces.
Windows:
- Clean windows and window sills.

Ceiling Fan:
- Dust and clean ceiling fan blades.

Window Treatments:
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Under Bed:
- Vacuum under the bed and dust bed frame.

Air Purifiers:
- Clean and replace filters in air purifiers.

Nightstand & other Personal Items:
- Sort through personal items and organize.

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Bathrooms:

Floors:
- Sweep and mop floors.

Bathroom surfaces:
- Scrub the bathtub, shower, and toilet.
- Clean countertops and sinks.
- Dust and clean any decor items

Mirrors:
- Clean mirrors and glass surfaces.

Towels:
- Replace old towels with fresh ones.

Ventilation:
Clean exhaust fan and vents.

Grout and Tile:
  Scrub grout and clean bathroom tiles.

Toothbrush Holders:
  Clean toothbrush holders and soap dishes.

Medicine Cabinet:
  Organize and check expiration dates in the medicine cabinet.

Shower Curtain:
  Clean or replace the shower curtain.

Floor Mats:
  Wash and disinfect bathroom floor mats.

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Home Office/Study:

Floors:
  Vacuum or Sweep and mop floors.

Paperwork:
  Declutter and organize paperwork.
  Shred unnecessary documents.

Electronics:
  Dust and clean computer screens, keyboards, and other electronics.
  Clean computer towers, printers, and other tech equipment.

Bookshelves:
  Dust and organize bookshelves.

Cables and Wires:
  Organize and tidy up cables and wires.

Desk Drawers:
Declutter and organize desk drawers.

**Bulletin Board/Whiteboard:**
- Clean and organize bulletin boards or whiteboards.

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**Laundry Room:**

**Clean Floors:**
- Sweep and mop floors.

**Clean Appliances:**
- Clean the exterior of the washing machine and dryer.
- Run a cleaning cycle on the washer

**Organize Supplies:**
- Declutter laundry supplies.
- Organize cleaning products.

**Lint Trap:**
- Clean the lint trap in the dryer.

**Utility Sink:**
- Clean and disinfect the utility sink.

**Shelving:**
- Wipe down shelves and storage areas.

**Ironing Board:**
- Clean and organize the ironing board area.

**Lint Ducts:**
- Vacuum and clean lint ducts.

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**Hallways and Entryways:**

- **Floors:**
  - Sweep and mop floors.

- **Furniture & decor:**
  - Dust and wipe down surfaces & decor items.

- **Coat Rack/Hooks:**
  - Declutter coat rack items & prep for spring/summer
  - Dust and clean coat racks and hooks.

- **Shoe Rack:**
  - Organize and clean shoe racks.

- **Mirrors:**
  - Clean hallway mirrors.

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**Outdoor Spaces:**

- **Patio/Deck:**
  - Sweep and clean outdoor furniture.
  - Power wash if necessary.

- **Garden:**
  - Prune plants and flowers.
  - Weed the garden.

- **Windows:**
  - Clean exterior windows.

- **Gutters:**
Clean and clear gutters from debris.

**Sidewalks/Pathways:**
- Sweep and power wash sidewalks or pathways.

**Outdoor Lighting:**
- Wipe down outdoor light fixtures.
- Replace any bulbs that are out

**Grill:**
- Clean and prep the grill for use.

**Garage:**
- Declutter and organize the garage space.
- Sort through tools, discard broken ones, and organize them on a pegboard or in toolboxes.
- Organize and store holiday decorations in labeled bins.
- Organize sports equipment such as bicycles, bats, and balls.
- Check the condition of sporting gear and make any necessary repairs.
- Rotate seasonal items and store winter/summer gear accordingly.
- Sweep & mop the garage floor

✨ **Bonus: 6 Spring Cleaning Hacks**

**Dryer sheet dusting:**
Use a dryer sheet to dust surfaces. The anti-static properties will help repel dust, keeping surfaces cleaner for longer.

**Lemon for Faucet Shine:**
Rub a cut lemon over faucets and fixtures to remove hard water stains and bring back the shine. The natural acidity of the lemon works wonders.

**Baggy Hack for Ceiling Fans:**
Slip a plastic bag over each fan blade and gently wipe. This contains the dust, preventing it from falling onto the floor or furniture.

**Invest in a shower Squeegee:**
Keep a squeegee in the shower. After each use, quickly wipe down the walls to prevent soap scum and water stains. It takes just a minute but can save hours of scrubbing later.
**Lint Roller for Lampshades:**
Use a lint roller to quickly clean dust and debris from lampshades. It's a fast and effective way to freshen up your lighting fixtures.

**DIY Grout Cleaner:**
Make a paste using baking soda and water. Apply it to grout lines, let it sit for a few minutes, and then scrub with an old toothbrush. Your grout will sparkle!

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