

Spring Cleaning Tips And Checklist - Bathroom

There's so much to clean in a bathroom, most of it being rather heavy-duty. Spring cleaning might seem like a bigger job than you can handle. It's true that there is a lot to clean for such a small space, but with a few tips and a handy checklist, you can spring clean your bathroom in less time than you might think.

Let's start with some expert tips that will help you clean your bathroom quickly and easily:

Tip 1 - Use green cleaners

Because bathrooms are enclosed spaces you're more vulnerable to the fumes from traditional cleaners. Using green cleaners, and turning on the ventilation fan, will help reduce irritation. Green cleaners are also better for the environment.

Tip 2 - Make cleaning fun by playing music

Music helps pass the time and the acoustics in your bathroom will make you sound great if you choose to sing along. Choose upbeat music that gets you hopping.

Tip 3 - Group similar tasks and similar cleansers

For example, if you have the mirror cleaner out clean the glass shower door and windows at the same time. If you're cleaning the sink then clean the tub, too. Jobs where you use the same cleanser and cleaning tools should be done at the same time.

Tip 4 - Gather your supplies before you start cleaning

It just makes sense to keep all your supplies and equipment handy and within reach. Plan ahead so you won't have to take a break to hunt for what you need. You know you'll get distracted once you leave your task at hand.

Tip 5 - Use a toothbrush

Bigger isn't always better. There are times and places in the bathroom that require a small brush. An old toothbrush works perfectly for cleaning the grout in your shower and around your bathroom sink and faucet.

Tip 6 - Work toward the toilet

You may be able to use the same sponge, brush, or cloth to clean your shower, sink, and toilet, just as long as you save the toilet for last. This way you won't cross contaminate, nor will you have to stop and rinse so often.

Tip 7 - Sort the items from cabinets last

A good time to sort your medicines and other bathroom clutter you removed from the cabinets is while you wait for the floor to dry. When you remove the items, put it all in boxes and set in the hall outside the bathroom. After the floor is scrubbed, sit down for a few minutes with a garbage can and sort the stuff you're keeping from the stuff you're throwing out. By the time you're done, the floor will be dry and you'll be ready to put your bathroom back together.

Here is a checklist to keep you on track when you clean your bathroom:

Bathroom Spring Cleaning Checklist

- Remove any knickknacks and artwork into boxes and set outside the bathroom
- Empty the medicine cabinets and under sink cabinets into boxes and set outside the bathroom
- Dust the ceiling corners and walls where necessary
- Dust or vacuum heating and exhaust vents
- Remove shower curtains, towels, bath mats, and draperies; launder according to directions
- Apply scrubbing cleansers to shower, tub, sinks, and toilet; scrub according to directions, starting with the shower and working your way to the toilet
- Wash the trash can thoroughly; the easiest way to do this is while washing shower and tub
- Wash the walls with appropriate cleansers; mild soap for painted or papered, and cleanser for tiled
- Wash the cupboards inside and out with mild soap
- Clean the mirrors and windows
- Sweep, vacuum, and mop the bathroom floor
- Sort all stuff removed from cabinets, throw out expired medicine, and return what you keep
- Dust and wipe off knickknacks and artwork, and return
- Replace throw rugs, shower curtains, and window curtains to their rightful place