

## PORT STEPHENS RENTALS

# VACATE CLEANING CHECKLIST FOR TENANTS

To assist with the return of your rental bond upon vacating your rental property, we have prepared the following Vacate Cleaning Checklist; if you engage a cleaner, please ensure that they attend to the following areas to avoid our office calling them back:

### General cleaning throughout the home (all rooms):

- Remove any marks from walls, doors, ceilings and all switches
- Clean all light fittings, ensuring any insects are removed from inside and that the outside is free of marks, grease and dust. Be careful when removing light fittings, as some can be difficult to remove
- Clean and remove dust from all ceiling fans
- Clean curtains and blinds, ensuring they are returned to the same condition as indicated on the ingoing condition report
- Clean and remove dust from all skirting boards, window sills, tops of doors, and above cupboards
- Vacuum clean all window tracks and sliding door tracks to remove dust and insects
- Sweep or mop all non-carpeted floors, ensuring no marks or stains
- Ensure carpet is professionally cleaned should there have been a pet at the property &/or there are no stains present
- Ensure all wardrobes, drawers, shelves, and cupboards are clean
- Clean all mirrors and ensure they are free from streaks
- Remove cobwebs and any marks left by insects
- Clean all air conditioners and filters

### Kitchen:

- Clean all cupboards and doors inside and out, ensuring no stains or crumbs remain
- Clean the stove top, being sure no stains or burn marks remain around heating elements
- Clean oven glass inside and out, removing any marks
- Clean inside and outside of the oven and griller, including racks and trays
- Ensure the walls and floor around refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave areas are clean
- Clean tapware, sink, drains and plugs
- Clean the range hood body and remove and clean the filter
- Remove dust and greasy build up on exhaust fans

### Bathroom:

- Clean the toilet/s
- Clean the bath
- Clean the basin and all tapware
- Clean the shower recess; ensure no hair or soap build up remain in shower or bath drains nor any signs of mould on tiles and on shower screens
- Ensure walls, floors, mirrors, windows, window tracks, cupboards and drawers are cleaned thoroughly

### Laundry cleaning

- Clean behind and around the washing machine space
- Remove lint from the dryer (if applicable)
- Clean the laundry tub and cabinet
- Ensure all tapware is clean
- Ensure walls, floors, windows, window tracks, and any cupboards are cleaned thoroughly

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## Outdoor areas, verandah/deck:

- Remove all cobwebs and any marks left by insects
- Sweep and/or mop
- Clean all railings and glass

## Lawns and gardens:

- Ensure the lawn is neatly mown and all edges trimmed
- Ensure any weeds are removed from all garden beds
- If there is a pool, ensure the pool is returned to the condition indicated on the ingoing condition report

## Driveway, garage/carport:

- Sweep the area
- Remove webs and any marks left by insects
- Remove any oil drips from garage floor, path and/or driveway, ensuring returned to the condition noted on the ingoing condition report

## Garbage removal:

- Ensure general rubbish is placed in council bins provided
- If vacating prior to the next garbage collection, ensure the bins are placed road-side for the next collection

## Cleaning after pets:

- Ensure all pet mess is removed from lawns
- Ensure condition of the yard is returned to its original condition
- Ensure sliding doors (if applicable) are thoroughly cleaned of hair and marks
- Hair and oils from pets can discolour concrete such as on alfresco / patio areas - ensure any such marks are removed, pressure cleaning if required
- Ensure there are no marks or hair on walls or curtains
- Refer to your lease regarding your requirements around professionally cleaning carpet and/or fumigating for fleas
- Consider whether a deodoriser may be required

## Preferred Contractors to assist with Vacate Items:

<b>Carpet Cleaning:</b>	Nu-look Carpet Cleaning (Justin)	:	0411 861 137
	Byrnes Carpet Care (Shane)	:	0438 811 934
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Linis on the Bay (Geoff)	:	0467 264 084
<b>Pest Control:</b>	Tomaree Pest Control (Nick)	:	0418 211 565
<b>Locksmith:</b>	Nelson Bay Locksmith	:	4981 3428