

SPRING CLEANING CHECKLIST

Whether you save deep cleaning for spring or clean all year long, don't forget about your pets!



Pet Beds

Pet beds should ideally be cleaned every couple of weeks.

- ☐ Replace pet beds that have been chewed up.
- ☐ Buy pet beds with a waterproof, washable cover.
- ☐ Vacuum excess hair on pet bed before washing.
- ☐ Pretreat any stains or accident spots with a quality enzymatic cleaner. Then wash per the manufacturer's directions.
- ☐ Unscented, clean detergents are best to avoid respiratory and skin irritation. If your pet has sensitive skin, use an extra rinse cycle.
- ☐ Let cover dry before your dog or cat uses it.

Dog & Cat Toys

- ☐ Replace pet beds and toys that have been chewed up.
- ☐ Soaking hard toys in one part white vinegar to one part water can disinfect toys.

Food & Water Bowls

- ☐ Clean pet's food and water dishes weekly. Replace plastic bowls if scratched since bacteria hides in scratches.
- ☐ Soak and scrub in hot water and dish soap.

Dog Crates

- ☐ Wipe bars with soapy water and vacuum bottom of crate.
- ☐ Then soak or scrub with very hot, soapy water. Rinse or wipe off, and dry.
- ☐ For deeper cleaning, soak for 10 minutes in a mixture of ½ cup bleach to one gallon of water then rinse thoroughly.

Furniture & Upholstery

- ☐ Regularly vacuum furniture to remove pet hair, dander, and dirt.
- ☐ Use a large, sticky lint roller, a dry sponge, or rubber glove to remove pet hair. Wash any removable, washable cover and/or spot treat stains.
- ☐ Use a good-quality enzymatic cleaner to clean any pet accidents.

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Litter Boxes

- ☐ Plastic litter boxes should be replaced at least once a year.
- ☐ Remove old litter and fill basin with hot water and a little dish soap. For deeper cleaning, add ½ cup of white vinegar per gallon of hot water and let it soak, then rinse.
- ☐ Clean litter scoop the same way and wipe down area around the litter box.



Check Expiration Dates

Look at all your pet supplies and check expiration dates on:

- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Flea/tick/heartworm preventatives
- ☐ Supplements
- ☐ Treats
- ☐ Wet food
- ☐ Dry kibble

