

## Step 1: Gather Your Cleaning Supplies

Before you start cleaning, make sure you have all the necessary supplies. You will need:

- All-purpose cleaner
- Microfiber cloths or paper towels
- Trash bags
- Dish soap
- Sponges or scrub brushes
- A broom and dustpan
- A mop or vacuum (if needed)

## Step 2: Clear the Countertops

Start by removing all items from the countertops. Put away any dishes that belong in the cabinets or dishwasher. If you have any food items, organize them in the pantry or fridge.

## Step 3: Throw Away Trash

Check the kitchen trash can and any recycling bins. Empty them into the larger trash bin or recycling container outside. Replace the trash bag in the can.

## Step 4: Clean the Dishes

If you have dirty dishes in the sink or around the kitchen, wash them using dish soap and a sponge. You can also load the dishwasher if you have one. Make sure to dry and put them away once clean.

## Step 5: Wipe Down Surfaces

Using your all-purpose cleaner and a microfiber cloth, wipe down all surfaces in the kitchen, including countertops, the stove, and the dining table. Pay extra attention to areas where food may have splattered.

## Step 6: Clean the Floors

Once the countertops are clean, sweep the kitchen floor to remove crumbs and debris. After sweeping, mop the floor with a suitable cleaner if it's a hard surface. If you have carpet, vacuum it instead.

## Step 7: Replace Items

Put back any items you took off the countertops. Make sure everything is neatly organized. For example, place cooking utensils in a holder and stack dishes properly.

## Step 8: Final Touches

Finally, check for any spills or messes that you may have missed. Consider using a freshener spray to leave the kitchen smelling nice, or light a scented candle (with adult supervision).

## **Maintaining Cleanliness**

To keep your kitchen clean, try to do small cleaning tasks daily, such as washing dishes right after using them or wiping down the counters after meals. This will make cleaning much easier in the long run!