End of Lease Cleaning Checklist

Queensland tenants: a room-by-room guide to a smooth bond refund

Before You Start

- Tenants are responsible for leaving the premises in the same condition as at the start of the tenancy, less **fair wear and tear**.
- Check your **entry condition report** (including photos/video) to see the property's condition when you moved in. Contact your property manager/owner if you don't have a copy.
- You are **not** responsible for pre-existing damage or poor condition.
- Fair wear and tear does **not** include dirt, grime, grease, or damage caused by the tenant during the tenancy.
- You may hire a professional cleaning company or do it yourself. If hiring, make sure they are reputable, and check the work when it is done to make sure you are satisfied.

Tip: work room by room so nothing gets missed, and tick items off as you go.

Kitchen

- [ ] Oven, including racks, trays, door glass, and stovetop
- [ ] Rangehood and filters
- [ ] Inside and outside of all cupboards and drawers
- [ ] Benchtops, splashback, sink, and taps
- [ ] Dishwasher, if supplied
- [ ] Fridge, if supplied (empty, wiped, shelves and seals cleaned)

Bathrooms and Laundry

- [ ] Shower screen, tiles, grout, and drain
- [ ] Bath, vanity, toilet, and taps
- [ ] Mirrors and exhaust fans
- [ ] Inside all cupboards and the linen press
- [ ] Laundry tub and cupboards

Bedrooms and Living Areas

- [ ] Inside wardrobes and built-ins
- [ ] Skirting boards
- [ ] Light fittings and ceiling fans
- [ ] Air conditioning vents and filters
- [ ] Marks on walls and doors wiped, where it is dirt rather than wear and tear
- [ ] Floors vacuumed, mopped, or carpets cleaned as appropriate

Windows and Doors

- [ ] Windows, glass, and window tracks
- [ ] Door tracks, flyscreens, and blinds
- [ ] Switches and door handles wiped

Outside

- [ ] Balconies, patios, and entryways cleaned
- [ ] Gardens tidied and weeded
- [ ] Lawns mowed and edged
- [ ] Garage or carport swept and cleared

Final Steps

- [ ] Remove all rubbish and belongings from the property and bins
- [ ] Repair any damage you caused during the tenancy
- [ ] If renting fully furnished, check every item is in place against your furniture inventory
- [ ] Compare each room against your entry condition report and photos
- [ ] Take dated photos of every room after cleaning, in case of a dispute

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