

Spring/Summer Clean Guidance

If you are continuing on in the house for another 12 months, now is an ideal opportunity for you to have a good spring clean to keep the house a nice fresh home for you all to enjoy.

This will ensure that any dirt that has built up over the last year does not get into too bad a condition otherwise this will be very hard to get rid of this time next year. Limescale/mould in showers and dirt/grease in ovens for example, are particularly difficult to get clean if not kept on top of.

Below are the general pointers we provide to our houses where all tenants are leaving so you may want to take note of the points when you are carrying out a spring clean!

Bathroom

The communal bathroom needs to be thoroughly cleaned, ensuring that all silicone, taps, showerheads, tiles and grout are scrubbed to remove limescale (crusty-hard white residue), mould (black or peachy-orange colour) and general dirt.

To remove limescale you will need a specific product aimed at limescale removal, see 'recommended cleaning products' section below. All rubbish also needs to be removed from the bathroom please.

Please also ensure that all glass and mirrors are left without water marks or smears. You will need a glass-cleaning cloth from the supermarket to do this otherwise it is very difficult to achieve a smudge-free finish.

All extractor fans need to have their vent grill cleaned with a vacuum cleaner and then wiped over to remove the last bits of dust build up.

Bedroom

One of the most forgotten places to check is under your bed, including any bed drawers that you may have. Possessions often fall behind the drawers within the bed base as well as under the base itself. Please ensure you get a housemate to help you lift your bed up to check under it and clean.

Kitchen

Your oven and hob need a really good clean with an oven cleaning product. You also need to clean or change the filter in the cooker hood and remove limescale from the tap, using a specialist product aimed at removing limescale as mentioned above.

Garden

You have lots of weeds that need to be removed and disposed of in both your front and back garden. Shrubs need to be trimmed to one-metre-high. Please also remove all rubbish and litter from the front and back. Small weeds etc can be put in your compost bin but if you have lots of garden waste to be removed, please ask us for a garden waste sack.

You will need to arrange free collection of this by the council using this link: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bins-recycling/garden-waste-sack-collection> Please note that if you leave bags of garden waste when you check out we will charge you for their removal. If you need more garden bags you can buy them for £2.50 each from your nearest council library.

Freezer

Your freezer will need an annual defrost. This means you need to defrost it by emptying it and switching it off, ensuring that there is plenty of newspaper underneath to soak up the ice that will melt. If the floor gets wet, it may get damaged so please be certain to put enough newspaper underneath and do not leave wet paper on the floor for extended periods. When all the frost has melted, switch the freezer back on so it is properly cold for the incoming tenants.

Dusting

Please be sure to dust thoroughly, the places people usually forget are above the door frame, the skirting boards (all around the room), on top of the wardrobe and the wardrobe shelves and drawers.

Fire alarm testing

Please ensure you do this and sign on the sheet in the file as it is vital in order to keep you safe.

Excess rubbish

This is a good time to clear any clutter or excess rubbish. Remember, the council will not take more than one bin-full with the lid closed.

Please recycle anything you can, or take it to a local charity shop if it is an item which can be re-sold. If it really is rubbish, you book online to take some of it to the local sort-it centre, here is a link to your nearest site:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/tips-and-recycling-centres/book-a-visit-to-a-reuse-and-recycling-centre>

Bristol Big Give

The Bristol Big Give aims to keep reusable items out of landfill and also raise money for charity. They have various collection on UWE Campus. To check what items can be accepted and the location of other collection points, please see <https://studentlife.uwe.ac.uk/story/29388536/bristol-big-give-donations>

Light bulbs

If any bulbs are out, they can be changed for you by our team on request, but there is a call out charge for this; so you may prefer to change them yourselves. If you are unsure as to the correct bulb, take the old one into Avondale Electrics on the Fishponds Road near Poundstretcher and they will be able to help you.

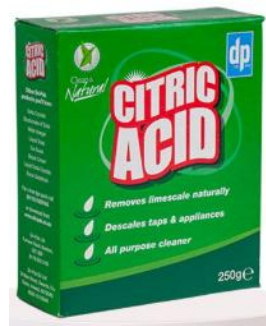
Recommended Cleaning Products

These are products we have found do the job well over the years. They are all sold at local supermarkets where there are other brands available. When using any cleaning products please always follow the manufacturers guidelines for safe use.

Limescale on any surface that has come into contact with water - *Viakal*



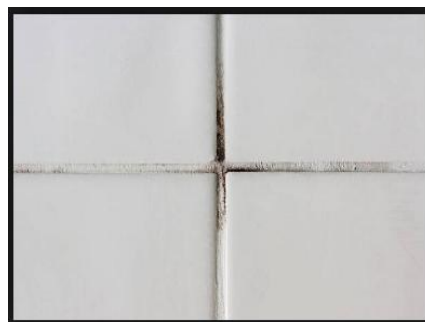
Limescale in toilet bowl - Harpic Power Plus Tablets, Citric Acid or malt vinegar (leave overnight)



Mould (black or peachy-orange colour) on tiles and in grout in your kitchen/bathroom

Dettol Mould and Mildew Remover

Mould Magic Gel



Dirty Ovens - Oven Pride and Astonish Oven & Grill Cleaner

Dirty ovens are best tackled when soaked in a solution overnight. Please refer to the specific manufacturers guidelines and safety precautions when using any brand of oven cleaner.



Please use products appropriate for the area you are cleaning such as bathroom cleaner for the bathroom, kitchen cleaner for the kitchen, window and glass cleaner for windows and mirrors etc. This will improve the results you get at a quicker rate so less scrubbing! All available at your local supermarket.

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