

## Cairns Ultimate Real Estate - Vacate Cleaning List

Follow this list to ensure a speedy bond refund!

You will need:

- ✓ Plenty of time to ensure the job is done properly. About 20-30 hours is needed for a full vacate (if there are 3 of you, that's 7-10 hours **each**)
- ✓ Sanichlor (available from Elite Cleaning Supplies at Portsmouth) and a pressurised spray bottle to dispense it with. This is a very potent product, so only mix it up 10:1 and don't allow it to touch anything except what you are cleaning.
- ✓ A gurney for the outside of the house and driveways
- ✓ Sugar soap
- ✓ Oven cleaner
- ✓ Window cleaner
- ✓ Finish dishwasher cleaner if you have a dishwasher
- ✓ Jif
- ✓ Floor cleaner
- ✓ If you have vinyl floors, I would recommend a vinyl polish as well.
- ✓ CLR Oil & Grease remover for the garage
- ✓ Vanilla essence for the fridge
- ✓ Lemon juice for the microwave
- ✓ A bowl
- ✓ A scrubbing brush each
- ✓ A couple of old toothbrushes
- ✓ Mop, broom, vacuum cleaner, dustpan and brush.
- ✓ Lots of Chux cloths
- ✓ Lots of Rags
- ✓ A butter knife
- ✓ Rubber gloves and gardening gloves for everyone
- ✓ Mower with a catcher
- ✓ Whipper snipper
- ✓ Secateurs, a small spade and a garden fork
- ✓ Something to take away all the left overs

### General

- Remove all cobwebs
- Doors, walls, skirtings and architraves cleaned with sugar soap. Clean from the bottom up to avoid streaking.
- Tops of power points/light switches to be wiped with a slightly damp cloth.
- Ceiling to be spot cleaned, kitchen ceiling should be oil free
- Fans to be cleaned with warm soapy water, including tops of blades and motor housing
- Light fittings to be dusted/wiped with a damp cloth so as dust free
- Carpets must be steam cleaned using a professional company and a receipt provided to us. Please see me for my preferred cleaners. Receipts will not be accepted from Chubb Cleaning, Tenants Cleaning Services or Peter & Pauls Carpet Cleaning
- If you had pets, pest control must also be carried out.

- Windows to be cleaned using either chemical cleaners (not for tinted windows, use warm soapy water for them), or a solution of 50% water & 50% metho. Windows must be removed from the tracks and both sides of the glass cleaned. Windows must be streak free.
- Tracks to be vacuumed out then cleaned using a butter knife with a damp Chux cloth wrapped around the end.
- Screens must be cleaned using warm soapy water. Must be dust/grease free.
- Floors must be hair/dust/streak free.
- Blinds can be cleaned using warm soapy water. Ensure you wipe the top of the vertical blind tracks. Curtains must be hand washed, ironed and re-hung. DO NOT SPIN DRY, AND NEVER WASH RUBBER BACKED CURTAINS IN THE MACHINE.
- Air-con filters must be cleaned using warm soapy water. Clean grills with a brush and warm soapy water. Split systems must be left open so filters can be seen. Tops of air-cons to be cleaned also.
- Ensure all lights are working
- Any damage to be repaired by qualified tradesman. I can arrange this for you.

### **Kitchen**

- All cupboards must be wiped out using warm soapy water. DO NOT USE JIF as this leaves a chalky residue. It can be used to remove rust stains from shelves though.
- Ensure you wipe the cupboard doors inside and out, top and bottom. Top of cupboards must also be dust/grease free.
- Kickboards must be wiped clean and free from dust and food stains.
- Tiles to be dust/streak free. If dust has built up on top and left stains, use an old toothbrush to remove them.
- Cooktop must be polished, and no baked on grease to be left. Isolator switch must be turned off before cleaning begins. On a standard upright stove, the top where the burners is often lifts up, revealing grease and food droppings. This must all be removed.
- Under stove rings to be cleaned and rings polished.
- Grill must be grease/crumb free
- Oven to be cleaned using oven cleaner. Top, bottom, back and sides to be grease/oil free. Best left overnight if possible. Trays must be clean.
- Behind the stove must be clean. Ensure isolator switch is off, and be careful not to over extend the wiring behind, as it can split and be dangerous.
- Rangehood filters to be cleaned using hot soapy water. Do not use chemicals as this degrades the filters. Top of rangehood to be oil free.
- Dishwasher to be cleaned using Finish Dishwasher cleaner. Filter in bottom must be clean and the fins must be cleaned inside and out. Dishwasher to be pulled out and cleaned behind and on top. Be careful not to over extended or twist the hoses as they can crack.
- Fridge to be cleaned using warm water and vanilla essence. All food crumbs, stains, mould in seals to be removed. Must be switched off and doors left open.
- Microwave can be cleaned using a bowl of hot water and lemon juice placed on high for 5 minutes. This will soften baked on grease and leave a fresh smell. THE BOWL WILL BE HOT WHEN YOU REMOVE IT SO BE CAREFUL
- Sink must be residue and water spot free. Jif will shine it up nicely. If you notice mould inside the drains, remove them and pour bleach down to kill the mould. A toothbrush will help remove it.
- Grime around taps to be scrubbed away. Taps to be polished.

### **Bathroom**

- Must be mould free (including the ceiling) and soap residue free.

- Exhaust fan cover to be taken down and washed.
- Bleach/Sanichlor will remove mould from grouting/seals.
- Tiles must be residue/water spot free. See kitchen to remove dust build up from tile tops.
- Glass to be polished and streak/residue free. Do not use scourers on glass, it will scratch.
- Toilet must be clean. Inside bowl must have no build up, under rim to be clean. Seat and lid to be wiped clean top and bottom, cistern to be cleaned and the outside of the bowl must be dust/hair/stain free. Roll holder to be dust free. Exhaust fan cover to be taken down and washed.
- Vanity wiped inside and out. The doors and drawers must be wiped top and bottom, front and back. Jif will remove rust stains on shelves. Ensure it is hair free.
- Basin should be water spot/mould free. Clean drain as per kitchen.
- Taps to be grime free and polished.
- Mirror to be polished.
- Towel rails to be dust free

### **Bedrooms**

- Cupboards shelves to be dust free. Warm soapy water should do the trick.
- Mirrors to be polished.

### **Garage**

- Oil spots can be removed with degreaser or CLR Oil and Grease remover (available at Supercheap Auto)
- Walls to be dusted off.
- Floor to be hosed/ pressure cleaned.
- Door to be cleaned outside. Hose and soapy water.

### **Outside**

- Driveway and outside of house to be pressure cleaned, including eaves and gutters.
- Sanichlor is recommended for driveways, paving and paths to kill mould. This is best done in the evening as UV rays kill chlorine, making the Sanichlor ineffective.
- Ensure there are no cobwebs/wasp nests/moth spots.
- Garden shed to be hosed out.
- Wheelie bins to be emptied and cleaned using either Sanichlor, disinfectant or Phenyl bin cleaner.

### **Gardens**

- Lawns to be mowed and edges cut in no more than 48 hours prior to your vacate. Clippings to be removed.
- Gardens to be trimmed back
- Palm fronds to be removed.
- All weeds and trimmings to be removed from gardens
- Gardens to be mulched.

Ensure property is left as per your Entry Condition Report.

If this looks a little overwhelming, please let me know and I can arrange a professional cleaner for you. Standard charge is \$40p/h. Receipts will not be accepted from Chubb Cleaning or Tenants Cleaning Services.