

When your tenancy agreement ends, it's time for the final cleaning.

The final cleaning in a nutshell means that after the cleaning all the surfaces should be clean of stains and ingrained dirt.

Walls and tiles

Wipe any obvious stains and other dirt off the walls. Wipe the light switches. Wipe also the wall behind the radiator. Wipe the radiator's surfaces. Wash the floors and walls of the bathroom as well as kitchen tiles. Pay extra attention to the grouts. If your bathroom walls have limescale wash the walls with acidic cleaning agent and a brush. Remember to clean the shower enclosure if you have one. If needed clean the ceiling of the bathroom.

If you are not sure what mechanics are suitable for the room walls, test a neutral cleaning agent to a hidden spot such as a corner. If the mechanic is not damaging the surface clean the walls.

Doors

Wipe the doors and handles. Pay extra attention to the surfaces that are touched most (for example area around the handles).

Windows

If the temperature outside is not below 0 degrees wash all the surfaces of the windows. If it is below 0 degrees outside do not wash the exterior surface. After washing the windows clean the windowsill and surroundings of the window also to remove any possible splashes.

Floor

Wipe / wash the floor with suitable mechanics. Take in consideration the dirtiness of the floor as well as the material (vinyl flooring vs. laminate \rightarrow wash laminate using very small amounts of water as water damages laminate very easily). Clean also the skirting boards.

Closets

Clean all the inner and outer surfaces of the closets. Clean the doors and handles. Clean the bins, the bin rack, bin closet and the door with extra caution. Soak the grime if needed.

Air vents

Remove the dirt around the air vent and from the vent. If you can remove the air vent twist the outer rim and clean the vent. Further information at www.hoas.fi/en/tenants/taking-care-of-your-home/ventilation-and-airing

Surfaces

Clean the surfaces and soak the grime if needed.



Refrigerator and freezer

Empty the refrigerator and the freezer. Clean the refrigerator with a damp cloth. Defrost the freezer with extra caution. Wipe with damp cloth. Never use a knife to defrost a freezer or let the melting water get to the floor. Clean the doors and the handles. Further information you can find at

www.hoas.fi/en/tenants/taking-care-of-your-home/refrigerator-and-freezer

Stove and oven

Clean the surfaces. If you clean a cast-iron stove, dry the rings after cleaning to avoid rusting. Clean the oven knobs and the handle. Clean the oven. Clean the grill and the trays if needed. Clean the drawer meant for storing the grill and the oven trays. Pull the oven out (if it is possible) and clean the sides of the cupboards and the oven as well as the floor.

Range hood and the filter

Clean the range hood and the filter. Clean also the surfaces and the glass. Further information you can find at www.hoas.fi/en/tenants/taking-care-of-your-home/other-kitchen-appliances-and-equipment

Sinks and taps

Clean the sink. When cleaning the bathroom sink remember to clean the bottom of the sink also. Clean the taps and faucets from hard water spots. Clean the shower caddy and baskets.

Toilet seat

Clean the interior and exterior surfaces of the toilet seat. Clean the area under the rim also. Clean the base of the toilet seat.

The drain trap

Clean and empty the drain trap. If you are not sure how to check further information at www.hoas.fi/en/tenants/taking-care-of-your-home/water-and-plumbing/cleaning-thedrain-trap

Floor drain

Clean the floor drain. If you are not quite sure how to check at www.hoas.fi/en/tenants/taking-care-of-your-home/water-and-plumbing/cleaning-thefloor-drain

Please remember to empty (and clean if necessary) your balcony and storage locker also.