Declutter, Organize & Clean Your Home

A place for everything, and everything in its place. This cleaning, organizing and decluttering checklist was created for you by Dana of LivingWithDana.com.

Laundry Room

1. General Cleaning

- Sweep or vacuum the floor (remove lint and debris)
- Wipe down surfaces (counters, shelves, and top of washer/dryer)
- · Clean washer and dryer exterior (wiping down knobs, buttons, and doors)
- Clean light fixtures and ceiling fans
- Clean windows and glass (remove) fingerprints and dust)
- Wipe down high-touch areas (light switches, door handles)

2. Deep Cleaning

Washer: Run a cleaning cycle with washer cleaner or vinegar to remove mold, soap scum, and odors

Dryer: Clean lint trap and vent to prevent buildup and ensure efficiency

Behind and under washer/dryer: Move appliances and clean hidden areas (dust, lint, or dirt)

Laundry Sink: Clean sink and faucet, check for clogs or residue

Clean floor drains: Ensure drains are clear and free of debris

3. Organizing

- Sort and fold clean laundry (keep separate baskets for lights, darks, delicates, etc.)
- Store detergents, fabric softeners, and stain removers in labeled containers or baskets
- · Organize cleaning supplies (dryer sheets, bleach, cleaning sprays) in a designated space
- · Hang or fold towels and linens neatly in storage bins or shelves
- Ensure laundry baskets are in good condition (replace damaged ones)
- Hang up or organize hangers for clothes that need to air-dry

4. Maintaining Cleanliness

- Set up a cleaning schedule (weekly or monthly deep cleaning)
- Empty lint trap after every load to avoid buildup
- Regularly check detergent bottles, restock when low
- Maintain a clutter-free laundry area by regularly removing old receipts, papers, and items that don't belong
- Wipe down surfaces and clean the washer and dryer every few weeks

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