

# Spring Cleaning Checklist - Family / Living Room

## ❖ CEILINGS

- Use a sock on the end of a broom handle and wipe where the walls meet the ceiling.
- Wipe down ceiling fan blades and fixture.
- Remove light globes and wash them out.

## ❖ WINDOWS

- Remove draperies. Wash, iron and hang (if you can). If they are dry clean only, allow to air outside.
- Wash the windows with hot soapy water. Make sure to clean the inside sills.
- Wash the screens (if your window does not tilt inward, can save this for later when you clean outside).
- Wipe down the blinds with warm soapy water (both sides). You may want to take them down and hose them off in the shower and allow to dry outside. If you have shades, dust/vacuum them to remove dust.

## ❖ TV CABINETS / END TABLE DRAWERS

- Take all items out of the drawers. Dust or vacuum them out.
- Go through all items and discard anything you no longer use.
- Recycle magazine which have already been read.
- Place the items neatly back into the drawers.

## ❖ TOY BOX / BINS (if applicable)

- Take all toys out of each box/bin.
- Go through all items and discard anything broken or missing parts.
- Donate the items which your kids will no longer play with.
- Place the items back in neatly (try to place them in different areas as the toys will "feel" new again).

## ❖ SOFAS / CHAIRS

- Remove all cushions.
- Vacuum the base of the furniture – using crevice tool along the sides.
- Vacuum the cushions and put back onto the furniture – making sure to flip them over if you can and put them into a different location (take the one from the end and place it in the middle).
- Use a warm, damp cloth to wipe off any food or stains from the arms, sides, top and front.
- Wipe down any throw pillows.
- Pull furniture from the wall and vacuum underneath it (don't forget to wipe down baseboards).

## ❖ GENERAL ROOM CLEANING

- Dust all artwork and wipe down all mirrors.
- Dust off lamp shades and lamps (may be helpful to vacuum the shade). Spot clean as needed.
- Wipe down all electronics (do not use harsh chemicals – simple water solution and proper cloths). Tuck cords neatly.
- Wash the walls (test first to ensure your paint finish will not be ruined by washing).
- Check walls or trim for cracks or chips. Patch and touch up paint.
- Dust all furniture.
- Remove all ducts/air return vents and wash them. Vacuum inside of the opening as far as you can reach.
- Wash the light switch and door knobs.
- Slide all furniture out and vacuum/sweep beneath it.
- Vacuum/sweep the entire room.