



Final Cleaning Standards

Your housing unit should be empty, cleaned, and you must be ready to turn in keys and vacate the unit at the time of your Final Inspection. You will not be allowed access to the unit once the Final Inspection is complete.

The following checklist highlights key areas that are frequently neglected during move out.

CARPET AND FLOORING

- _____ **Carpet shampooing:** It is not a requirement that you shampoo your carpet, but there is benefit to having the carpets in their best shape at the Final. Carpet shampooers can be reserved for free at the Aurora Self Help Center on JBER-E.
- _____ **Carpets must be dry** at time of Final Inspection. Shampoo a minimum of 36 hours prior to scheduled inspection.
- _____ **Carpets must be edged:** The area along baseboards and walls must be free of dust and hair buildup.
- _____ **Floors should be mopped** and free of spills and grime. Edges and corners need to be free of grime, dirt, and other build up.

KITCHEN

- _____ **Cabinets and pantry:** Tops must be free of dust and spills, the insides free of crumbs and spills, and the fronts free of dust, grease, and food spatters.
- _____ **Range hood:** Must be free of grease and grime especially the inside rim, light fixture, fan and filter. Filters and light covers are available at the Aurora Self Help Center.
- _____ **Sink:** The basin and drain area need to be free of discoloration and grime, the faucet mount area and underside of faucet free of grime and mineral build up.

APPLIANCES

- _____ **Clean under and behind all ranges, refrigerators, washers, and dryers** to include the walls, floor, and the appliance itself. Dishwashers are anchored and do not have to be moved for cleaning.
- _____ **Stove:** Clean knobs, under the knobs, drip pans, grates, and if an electric stove, clean beneath the top. Do not lift the top on gas stoves, this can sever the gas lines and cause a leak. These areas must be free from grease, food, and spills. Electric stove drip pans can be exchanged at the Aurora Self Help Center at no cost prior to move out.
- _____ **Oven:** Remove racks before using self-clean feature. Wipe out residue after cleaning. Clean racks, door areas and broiler/storage area drawer. All areas must be free from baked on residue, grime, grease, and cleaner streaks.
- _____ **Dishwasher:** must be free of food, residue, grime build up. Especially drain area, gasket seal, and door hinge area.
- _____ **Refrigerator/Freezer:** Remove and clean all trays/bins. Clean all surfaces to remove spills, spatters, etc. Clean gasket seals. Remove and clean front kick plate. Dust/vacuum motor area.
- _____ **Washing machine:** Remove any fabric softener and detergent residue paying special attention to inside of drum and gaskets. Clean lid hinge area.
- _____ **Dryer:** Dryer drum must be free of stains/spills/gum, etc. Lint trap cleaned and door hinge area clean.

BATHROOMS

- _____ **Exhaust vents** must be clean and free of buildup and dust.
- _____ **Shower/Tub/Soap Dish:** Remove soap scum, hair, grime build up, and streaks from cleaning products.
- _____ **Cabinets:** Drawers/drawer tracks and ledges must be free from dust, hair, and spills. Door fronts free from dust, grime and spills, plumbing under sink needs to be wiped clean.

- _____ **Sink and faucet:** Remove grime and mineral build up, clear overflow drain.
- _____ **Toilet:** Bolt and hinge covers should be opened and cleaned. The bowl should be clean and free of mineral build up, even under the rim. The seat is replaced by AMH on move out and should be either a) clean or b) removed and disposed of prior to move out.

BASEMENT

- _____ **Floor:** Thoroughly swept, with spots and spills mopped up.
- _____ **Visible pipes:** should be free of dust.
- _____ **Window(s) and tracks** should be cleaned and free of dust/bugs.

GARAGE

- _____ **Floor:** Thoroughly swept, with spots, stains and spills mopped up.
- _____ **Trash and Recycling roll carts** must be washed, dry and empty. There should be no trash in the bin during the final inspection.
- _____ **Doors** (both man and garage) should be dusted and wiped clean of hand prints and scuff marks.

EXTERIOR

- _____ **Sidewalks/Driveways** need to be swept and free of oil/transmission stains. Wash off sidewalk chalk, etc. In winter they must be free of snow and ice. Ice chippers are available at the Aurora Self Help Center during the winter months.
- _____ **Pet waste** must be removed.
- _____ **Lawn damage** should be repaired. Fill all holes with topsoil then apply grass seed. Both soil and seed are available at the Aurora Self Help Center during the summer months.
- _____ **Lawn** must be mowed, trimmed and raked.
- _____ **Landscaping:** Weeds should be pulled from landscaped areas and broken limbs removed.
- _____ **House siding, doors, windows, and fence** must be clean and free of handprints, mud, dirt, animal feces and paw prints.
- _____ **Deck/Patio** must be swept and clean, in the winter it must be free of snow and ice.
- _____ **Shed (if applicable)** must be empty, swept clean with cobwebs removed.

WHOLE HOUSE

- _____ **Blinds Cleaned.**
- _____ **Windows:** All tracks, ledges and inside window pane surfaces should be cleaned and streak free. First floor exteriors of windows must be cleaned from April to October.
- _____ **Screens:** Dust, hair, etc. should be removed, and all holes and tears repaired. You can repair screens at no cost at the Aurora Self Help Center.
- _____ **Light fixtures:** exteriors must clean. The fixture should have working bulbs, which can be picked up at the Aurora Self Help Center at no cost (one for one exchange).
- _____ **Ceiling Fans:** Fan blades, motor housing, and light fixtures must be free of dust and grime. Fan brushes are available at the Aurora Self Help Center. Fans should have working bulbs unless higher than 10ft.
- _____ **Walls:** Nails, hooks, screws, anchors etc. removed. Holes larger than a nickel can incur a charge.
- _____ **Walls:** Wiped clean of all food spatters, grease, marker/crayon, grime, candle soot, buildup, etc.
- _____ **Door jambs, window trim, and baseboards** must be free of dust and grime.
- _____ **Forced air heat vents** should be cleaned and free from grime, spills, dust. Remove vents and ensure duct areas are free of dust, hair, personal items, etc.
- _____ **Radiant heat registers** should be clean and free of grime, spills, pet hair. Carpet/flooring area under vents must be free of hair, pet hair, dirt, dust, etc.

QUESTIONS?

We are always willing to answer questions and offer clarification on what is and is not required. Please contact our office and ask to speak with an inspector to receive clarification.