

After-Party Cleaning Checklist

Same-Day Cleaning

- Package leftovers and put them in the refrigerator
- Put empty bottles, cans and plastic cups into appropriate recycling bins
- Gather trash into trash bags and place them outside
- Collect dirty dishes, glasses, serving utensils and tableware. Fill and run the dishwasher. Soak items in the kitchen sink, as needed.
- Treat rugs, carpets or furniture for stains
- Run a load of laundry with table linens, kitchen and bathroom hand towels. Transfer to dryer afterwards.
- Pour toilet bowl cleaner into toilet and let it sit
- Spray toilet seat, handle and faucets with disinfectant
- Wipe bathroom counters with disinfectant
- Clean toilet bowl and flush
- Wipe kitchen counters
- Check wooden surfaces e.g. tabletops for water rings
- Vacuum or sweep and mop floors

Next-Day Cleaning

- Take down decorations. Store or throw them away
- Empty dishwasher. Reload with items soaking in the sink
- Hand-wash items too big or fragile for the dishwasher
- Remove laundry from the dryer. Fold and put away
- Clean fingerprints from mirrors and windows
- Replace rugs and knick-knacks you moved prior to the party
- Put away patio cushions or other outdoor furnishings usually kept in storage
- Clean barbecue grill and outdoor kitchen, if used
- Hose down patio