

Are You Ready to Spring Clean?

Beaver County– Whether you’re looking to get your home ready to sell or you’re just ready for a refresh, now is the perfect time to start spring cleaning.

“While cleaning should be done year-round, spring is ideal for a deep clean,” said Beaver County Association of Realtors® President Barbara Cardinale. “Homes in Pennsylvania have been shut up all winter, so now’s the perfect time to air out and refresh our spaces.”

Decluttering is a good starting place. Donate items like clothes and toys that you no longer use or want. Clean out expired food from the fridge, pantry or cabinets, and throw away out-of-date products taking up space in the bathroom. Less clutter will open your home and aid in the cleaning process.

“Once you’ve decluttered, you can pull out your cleaning products,” Cardinale said. “Mop the floors, vacuum the carpet, dust the shelves, wash the windows and disinfect the kitchen and bathroom areas. Still, there are many places people forget to clean in their homes.”

Remember to clean kitchen appliances like the oven, coffeemaker, stovetop and microwave. When it comes to appliances, don’t forget the washer and dryer, which can be disinfected and cleared of lint. While you’re there, it may be a good time to wash your bedding, curtains and throw pillow covers.

When cleaning, many people also overlook places like window tracks, baseboards, light fixtures and the tops of cabinets. These collect dust easily and aren’t typically cleaned often, so spring cleaning is a good opportunity to do so. It’s also important to remember to refresh your cleaning products. Be sure to clean or replace sponges, mop heads, vacuums, toilet brushes, dusters and other items.

“Spring cleaning can feel like a daunting task, but don’t let it overwhelm you,” Cardinale said. “You don’t have to complete it all at once. Take spring cleaning one task at a time, and it’ll be worth it in the end. A clean home helps reduce stress, improves air quality, decreases allergens, increases productivity and encourages a healthy lifestyle.”

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