

After Renovation Cleaning Requires Forethought
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One of the most intimidating sites for most homeowners when going through any form of home renovation is to be standing in the home after construction or renovation is completed and to confront the task of cleaning the place the day before the movers arrive.. It is enough to make you want to call your mama☺. While I am afraid, I cannot make the task any less daunting, I can at least provide you with the specifications that I use when I send a team in to clean-up after significant renovations are completed. I have to first warn that the process requires planning and thus will not yield desired outcomes as an after thought. I cannot begin to tell you the horror stories my teams have endured when trying to clean while at the same time unanticipated construction is still going ahead. The teams do not co-exist well.

Okay, let us get to the specifications connected with the specialized post renovation cleaning of a kitchen.

This cleaning will remove all dust and dirt build-up from the following: dust on ceilings, walls and air vents. Light switches, door ledges, baseboards, radiators, furnishings will be completely cleaned.

SHOWCASE kitchen cleaning for example, will also include detail cleaning of all counters and cleaning of professional appliances. The stove will be cleaned thoroughly including the cooking eyes, the range hood – outside and underneath w/o a streaking finish. The cleaning of the sink and its drain and the utility drawers will take place. All cabinetry will be cleaned inside and out with a very damp cloth using an Ivory soap and water solution. (damp wiping only) We will also dry all of the wiped surfaces. Cabinet drawers should be removed from the cabinet base for a detail cleaning of all its respective parts and related cabinet base. The hinges on the cabinet doors should be wiped clean. A thorough cleaning of the refrigerator, inside and outside, includes the top and bottom plate. The dishwasher would be cleaned inside and out. The microwave is cleaned inside and outside. The garbage bin draw is to be thoroughly cleaned on the inside and outside. All decorative pieces, glass bowls, etc. is to be cleaned. The kitchen stone floor will be washed with a neutral soap, including the edges and corners and dirty grout lines being washed by hand for a perfect finish. The kitchen eat in nook will be cleaned and the fabric window seating vacuumed.



Again, remember that no two objects can occupy the same space at the same time. This definitely includes renovation contractors and cleaning contractors. The only way to avoid this is to make sure that you plan the cleaning with the concluding date of the renovation contractor. Do not minimize the importance of the time lines connected with getting your newly renovated home cleaned. Clean is clean and it requires time, effort and technical expertise. There is no way around it.

Regards,

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