

## Preparing for your next inspection

The information below can help you prepare for your next inspection



### Walls, floors, doors, cupboards and wardrobes

Check walls, floors, doors, cupboards and wardrobes are not in an unreasonably dirty condition.

**TIP 1:** Remove marks and dirt with a damp cloth when you see it. This will make preparing for an inspection quicker.



### Bathrooms, toilets and laundry

Sweep then mop all tiled areas. Scrub the toilet with a toilet brush and disinfectant. Clean taps, benches and laundry tub with a cloth.

**TIP 4:** Clean toilet bowls with flat Coke or Pepsi to get them looking shiny and clean. To dissolve lime scale, apply the flat Pepsi or Coke and leave to soak overnight.



### Kitchen stove, grill and oven

Clean the areas on and around the kitchen stove, grill and oven. Include hot plates, drip trays and areas behind the stove.

**TIP 2:** A cheap and easy way to remove oil, grease and fats is with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of white vinegar mixed with 1 cup of water. Spray mixture and wipe off with a cloth.



### Ceiling fans and exhaust fans

Clean ceiling fan blades often with a damp cloth. Remove covers on exhaust fans before cleaning.

**TIP 5:** After the first clean, cover fan blades with stockings, also known as pantyhose. When you have to clean the fans again, wash the stockings in a washing machine and put them back on the fan blades.



### Light fittings, power points, switches and controls

Dust and wipe down light fittings, power points, switches and controls.

**TIP 3:** Use the mixture of white vinegar and water from Tip 2 to clean light fittings, power points, switches and controls. Spray mixture and wipe off with a cloth.



### Windows

Clean window sills, tracks, fly screens and glass from dirt and dust build up. Start with inside of windows before moving outside.

**TIP 6:** Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of liquid soap to the cleaning mixture described in Tip 2, for a stronger solution for windows.



### Cobwebs

Remove cobwebs on ceilings, walls, around windows and doors. Also check inside and outside your house or unit for cobwebs.

**TIP 7:** The easiest way to remove cobwebs is with a duster or clean broom. This will save you time when it comes to reaching for cobwebs on the ceiling. You can usually buy these from your local store.



### External areas

Keep all areas outside the house clear of rubbish. Keep any plants, gardens and fences tidy.

**TIP 8:** Keep grass tidy; garden beds and plants trimmed. Getting rid of any items that you will not use again will make your yard appear uncluttered and well maintained.

## Cleaning DO's



### Cleaning cloths

To make sure germs are not spread around the house, always use different cleaning cloths for the kitchen, bathroom, floor and walls.



### Get everyone to help

Give every person one task to do. This will make cleaning quicker, so you can get back to more fun things in life.



### General cleaning products

Make sure harmful, poisonous products are kept high and out of reach of children.



### Report any damages

If you see any damage, let the department know right away by calling the maintenance call centre on 1800 104 076.



### White vinegar and bi-carb soda

Mixing white vinegar or bi-carb soda with water are good cleaning options compared to harsh chemicals. They are cheap to buy and safe to use.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information contact your local Housing office:

Greater Darwin	8999 8814	Nhulunbuy	8987 0533
Arafura Region	8995 5122	Tennant Creek	8962 4497
Katherine	8973 8513	Palmerston	8999 4767
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