Diwali Cleaning Checklist 2026

Start by 17 October · Finish before Lakshmi Puja, Sunday 8 November · Work top to bottom, floors last

Living room

- [ ] Dust ceiling fan, lights and AC first
- [ ] Wash or steam the curtains
- [ ] Vacuum and shampoo sofa and cushions
- [ ] Clean TV unit, shelves and décor
- [ ] Shampoo the carpet or rug
- [ ] Wipe doors, frames and switchboards

Bedroom & wardrobes

- [ ] Empty and wipe every wardrobe shelf
- [ ] Sort clothes to keep, donate or discard
- [ ] Air mattresses and pillows in the sun
- [ ] Wash bedsheets, covers and quilts
- [ ] Clean under and behind the bed
- [ ] Dust the fan, AC and light fittings

Kitchen deep cleaning

- [ ] Degrease chimney filters and hood
- [ ] Clean gas stove, burners and knobs
- [ ] Empty and wipe cabinets inside and out
- [ ] Defrost and clean the fridge
- [ ] Scrub greasy tiles and backsplash
- [ ] Clean sink, drain and dustbin

Bathroom deep cleaning

- [ ] Descale taps and shower heads
- [ ] Scrub tile grout and walls
- [ ] Disinfect toilet, seat and sink
- [ ] Clean the exhaust fan
- [ ] Polish the mirror and fittings
- [ ] Clear drains and floor traps

Puja room & mandir

- [ ] Clear old flowers, ash and wax
- [ ] Polish brass and copper items
- [ ] Clean silver with baking soda paste
- [ ] Wipe mandir shelves and frames
- [ ] Wash puja cloths and the asan
- [ ] Keep fresh flowers for Lakshmi Puja

Balcony, windows & entrance

- [ ] Clean window glass and sliding tracks
- [ ] Scrub grills and railings
- [ ] Wash the balcony floor and drain
- [ ] Clean the main door and nameplate
- [ ] Tidy and wipe the shoe rack
- [ ] Clear space for toran and rangoli

Hidden areas you forget

- [ ] Switchboards and sockets
- [ ] Tops of doors and cupboards
- [ ] Behind the fridge and washing machine
- [ ] Fan blades and light covers
- [ ] Under sinks and beds
- [ ] AC and air purifier filters

Last 2 days

- [ ] Mop all floors (7 Nov)
- [ ] Rangoli, lights and toran
- [ ] Fresh flowers for the mandir
- [ ] Sweep entrance on puja morning
- [ ] Keep a cloth ready for diya oil
- [ ] Post-Diwali cleanup on 9 Nov