

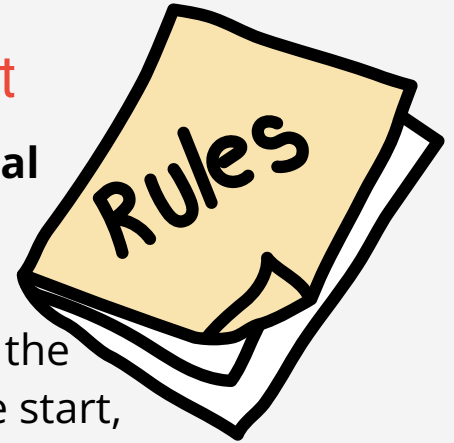
Tenant's Guide to Checkout Inspection

1. The Golden Rule: The Original Report

Before you pick up a sponge, find your **Original Property Condition Report** from when you moved in.

Compare: You are generally required to leave the property in the same condition it was in at the start, minus "fair wear and tear."

Photos: If you took photos when you moved in, keep them handy to dispute any pre-existing marks.



2. Deep Cleaning Checklist

Standard "surface cleaning" usually isn't enough for a final inspection. Focus on these often-overlooked areas:

- **Walls & Skirting Boards:** Dust the tops of skirting boards and use a damp cloth to remove scuffs or sugar soap for stubborn marks.
- **Windows & Tracks:** Clean the glass, but don't forget to vacuum the dust and dead insects out of the window tracks.
- **Kitchen Appliances:** Degrease the oven, stovetop, and rangehood filter. If the property came with a dishwasher, clean the filter.
- **Light Fixtures & Fans:** Dust ceiling fan blades and ensure all light bulbs are working. Replacing a \$2 bulb now prevents a "maintenance fee" later.
- **Exhaust Fans:** Pop off the covers in the bathroom and kitchen to wash away built-up dust.

3. Repairs and Maintenance

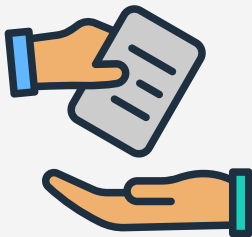


Small fixes can prevent large deductions from your bond.

Picture Hooks: If you added hooks, check your lease. Most managers prefer you leave them rather than doing a poor patch job, but if you must remove them, ensure the paint match is perfect.

Gardens: Mow the lawn, pull weeds from the driveway/paths, and trim any overhanging shrubs.

Blinds & Curtains: Ensure they are dust-free and that all slats are intact and functioning.



4. Final Handover Essentials

Item	Action
Keys	Gather all sets, including window keys, garage remotes, and any copies you made.
Utilities	Schedule your final meter readings for electricity, gas, and water for your move-out day.
Mail	Set up a redirect with the post office; the new tenants aren't responsible for your mail.
Forwarding Address	Provide this to your property manager so they can process your bond disposal quickly.

5. Understanding "Fair Wear and Tear"

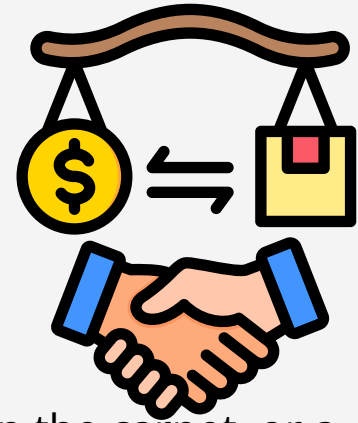
This is often the biggest point of contention.

Wear and Tear: Faded curtains from the sun, worn carpet in high-traffic hallways, or minor scuffs on a floor.

Damage: A hole in the wall, a red wine stain on the carpet, or a cracked window.



Pro Tip: If you know you've caused genuine damage, it's often cheaper to hire a professional to fix it yourself before the inspection rather than letting the agency pick their own (often pricier) contractor.



6. The Day of the Inspection

If possible, **attend the inspection.** This allows you to point out things from the original report or even do a quick five-minute touch-up on-site if the inspector finds a missed cobweb, potentially saving you a return trip or a cleaning fee.

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