

# Moving

## LEAVING A HOME

Most apartment leases require all rooms and major appliances to be cleaned before renters move out. In fact, leaving a rental property dirty can cause a person to lose his or her security deposit. Study the four boxes below. Check the tasks that should be completed before moving out of an apartment.



### KITCHEN

- Empty and clean the food pantry.
- Empty and clean the cabinets.
- Empty and clean the refrigerator (will be staying with property).
- Clean the stove-top and oven.
- Empty the trash.
- Sweep and mop the floor.
- Paint the walls.

### BED AND BATH AREAS

- Remove all furniture.
- Remove all lightbulbs.
- Clean the toilets.
- Clean the tub and shower.
- Remove the blinds.
- Vacuum the carpets.
- Empty the closets.

### LIVING AREAS

- Wash the walls.
- Paint the walls and ceilings.
- Vacuum the carpets.
- Remove picture hangers from walls.
- Patch holes in the walls.
- Remove cable wires from the walls.
- Remove wallpaper.

### GENERAL

- Call the utility companies and ask to have service stopped or transferred.
- Place appliance manuals (stove, dishwasher, etc.) in an obvious place.
- Fill out change of address cards at the post office.
- Bleach the garage floor.
- Call the newspaper and ask to have service stopped or transferred.