

Builders Clean Checklist

Confirm which stage is being priced. Site induction and PPE apply to all stages.

SITE

PLOT / UNIT

STAGE

DATE

SITE CONTACT

Before entering site

A construction site is not a house. These are conditions of entry, not good practice.

- ☐ Site induction completed and recorded
- ☐ RAMS submitted to the principal contractor and accepted
- ☐ PPE confirmed: hard hat, hi-vis, safety boots, gloves, eye protection as required
- ☐ Dust masks appropriate to the work (FFP3 where silica dust is possible)
- ☐ Permit to work obtained where required
- ☐ Working at height arrangements agreed; no standing on unsecured surfaces
- ☐ Power and water availability confirmed, and whether 110V is required
- ☐ Waste disposal route agreed: which skip, and who owns it
- ☐ Welfare facilities located
- ☐ Emergency procedures and assembly point noted

First stage: rough clean

Usually during construction, once the trades are largely out of a zone.

- ☐ All construction debris, offcuts and packaging removed to the agreed skip
- ☐ Large debris swept and shovelled out
- ☐ Floors brush-swept throughout
- ☐ Stickers and labels removed from windows, sanitaryware and appliances
- ☐ Excess plaster, adhesive, grout and paint splashes scraped from hard surfaces
- ☐ Voids, cupboards and risers cleared
- ☐ Stairwells and circulation routes cleared for safe access
- ☐ Site rubbish separated for recycling per the site waste plan

Second stage: detail clean

- ☐ All surfaces vacuumed with an M-class or H-class vacuum for fine dust
- ☐ Walls wiped down where the finish permits

- ☐ Ceilings and coving dusted
- ☐ Light fittings, switches and sockets cleaned
- ☐ Doors, frames, architraves and hinges cleaned, including tops of doors
- ☐ Skirting boards cleaned including behind radiators
- ☐ Radiators cleaned front, back and between
- ☐ Windows cleaned internally including frames, beading and runners
- ☐ Kitchen units cleaned inside and out; protective film removed
- ☐ Sanitaryware cleaned; protective film removed; sealant checked
- ☐ Fine dust removed from all horizontal surfaces, repeated as it resettles
- ☐ Floors vacuumed then washed with the correct product for the finish

Sparkle clean: handover standard

The final clean before the client or buyer sees it. Nothing is allowed to be dusty.

- ☐ Full re-dust of every surface, including tops of doors and units
- ☐ All glass polished streak-free, internally and externally where accessible
- ☐ Mirrors and splashbacks polished
- ☐ All chrome, taps and handles polished
- ☐ Appliances cleaned inside and out; manuals and spare parts left as supplied
- ☐ Kitchen units, drawers and worktops cleaned and polished
- ☐ Sanitaryware polished; limescale-free; sealant clean
- ☐ Final vacuum of all soft flooring including edges
- ☐ Hard floors washed and buffed to the finish specified
- ☐ Final walk-through in the order a buyer would view the property
- ☐ Photographs taken of every room at handover standard
- ☐ Snagging list of anything not cleanable reported to site

Waste and site exit

- ☐ All cleaning waste removed from site or placed in the agreed skip
- ☐ Waste transfer documentation completed where you remove waste yourself
- ☐ Equipment cleaned before it leaves site to avoid cross-site dust transfer
- ☐ Any damage noticed reported in writing to the site manager
- ☐ Site log signed and permit closed
- ☐ PPE removed and disposed of or cleaned appropriately

Construction dust containing silica is a serious respiratory hazard. Dry sweeping of silica dust should be avoided in favour of M- or H-class vacuum extraction, and FFP3 protection should be used where exposure is possible.

If you remove construction waste from site yourself, you are transferring controlled waste and a waste transfer note is legally required. Most builders cleans avoid this by using the site skip.