Pre-Holiday Office Cleaning Checklist

2–4 WEEKS BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS

Preparing an office for the holidays requires scheduling a final cleaning visit. Reception areas need attention before visitor numbers increase, shared kitchens need to be cleared of old food, and meeting rooms may require detailed cleaning. Facility managers also need time to arrange carpet care, floor maintenance, and repairs that cannot be handled during routine cleaning. It is therefore better to start your year-end office cleaning preparation 2–4 weeks before the holidays. Use this time to inspect each area, identify outstanding cleaning tasks, and schedule any work that requires additional staff or equipment.

PRE-HOLIDAY CLEANING FOCUS

Inspect high-traffic areas, schedule detailed cleaning, address maintenance concerns, and prepare shared spaces before holiday activity increases.

01 Reception and Lobby Areas

Prepare reception areas for increased visitor traffic and seasonal decorations.

- [ ] Wash entrance mats and remove accumulated dirt, leaves, and grit.
- [ ] Clean fingerprints from glass doors, partitions, and reception counters.
- [ ] Vacuum carpeted areas and mop hard floors.
- [ ] Dust reception furniture, window ledges, and decorative fixtures.
- [ ] Inspect seating for stains and report damaged furniture.

02 Workstations and Office Spaces

Prepare desks, office furniture, and shared equipment before employees leave for the holiday break.

- [ ] Dust desk surfaces, monitor stands, shelves, and filing cabinets.
- [ ] Wipe shared keyboards, phones, and other equipment with a gentle cleaning solution.
- [ ] Vacuum carpets and clean hard floors beneath accessible desks.
- [ ] Empty desk-side bins and remove leftover food or disposable cups.
- [ ] Clean door handles, light switches, and shared cabinet handles.
- [ ] Arrange deep cleaning services in NYC for areas with accumulated stains and dirt.

03 Conference Rooms and Meeting Spaces

Prepare meeting rooms for client appointments, team gatherings, and holiday events.

- [ ] Wipe conference tables, chair arms, counters, and presentation stands.
- [ ] Remove fingerprints from glass partitions and interior doors.
- [ ] Clean accessible AV equipment surfaces according to manufacturer instructions.
- [ ] Vacuum carpets and clean debris from beneath tables and chairs.
- [ ] Empty waste bins and remove leftover cups, papers, and supplies.
- [ ] Check upholstery for stains and report damage before the next booking.

Continue Your Pre-Holiday Office Cleaning Preparation

Before employees leave for the holiday break, give additional attention to restrooms and shared kitchen facilities. These areas require detailed cleaning, replenished supplies, and attention to food waste and hygiene.

04 Restrooms

Prepare restrooms for increased employee and visitor use by addressing fixtures, touchpoints, floor buildup, and supply levels.

- [ ] Scrub toilets, sinks, faucets, and restroom fixtures.
- [ ] Clean mirrors, partitions, dispensers, and door handles.
- [ ] Disinfect frequently touched surfaces according to product label directions.
- [ ] Remove residue from floors, corners, and areas around fixtures.
- [ ] Empty waste bins, replace liners, and refill soap and paper supplies.
- [ ] Report leaking faucets, blocked drains, damaged dispensers, or persistent odors.

05 Breakrooms and Office Kitchens

Prepare shared kitchens for holiday meals and celebrations by addressing food waste, grease, spills, and shared appliances.

- [ ] Clean countertops, dining tables, cabinet handles, and backsplash surfaces.
- [ ] Wipe microwave interiors, refrigerator handles, and appliance exteriors.
- [ ] Ask employees to remove personal food before cleaning refrigerator interiors.
- [ ] Scrub sinks and faucets to remove food residue and buildup.
- [ ] Clean sticky spills and food debris from floors.
- [ ] Empty trash and recycling bins, then clean the surrounding areas.
- [ ] Check soap, paper towels, and other shared kitchen supplies.

FINAL SCHEDULING REMINDERS

- [ ] Confirm the final cleaning appointment before the holiday break.
- [ ] Arrange carpet care and floor maintenance where needed.
- [ ] Schedule repairs that cannot be handled during routine cleaning.
- [ ] Confirm additional staff or equipment requirements with the cleaning provider.

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