

Kitchen Guidelines 1-12

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The kitchen is a high traffic communal area that can very quickly become unusable in just a few hours if not used with consideration. Please aim to follow these basic guidelines to ensure a welcoming kitchen for yourself and others

1. After Cooking:

1. Spray wipe kitchen tops, cooker hob, and table.
2. Empty your food debris from the sink drainer.
3. Wash plates and put dry plates back into cupboards.
4. Wipe bread crumbs and food from worktops into bins.
5. Put your items back into cupboards.
6. Wipe down toaster-crums after use.
7. Wipe your food debris from the kitchen table after use.
8. Use the dustpan and brush to sweep food debris created from the floor into the bin.
9. Mop if needed

2. Empty Bins When Full

Do not cram more rubbish into kitchen bins when full. Empty them into the big outdoor bins parked on the outside of the garden wall. Put bins onto street on bin day.

3. Sweep Floor

After cooking, sweep up your food debris from floor using dustpan and brush. It should not be left for the landlord to clean daily on your behalf.

5. Wipe and Dry Sink Area after use

If you get the sink worktops wet when washing up (or the 2 cupboard doors underneath), wipe and dry the affected area to prevent mould build up.

6. Regularly Clean and Wipe your Food Area inside the Fridge

This includes any spillages caused by your food, as well as the bottom of the fridge that will inevitably catch everyone's food debris. If this is not done a fridge cleaning rota may need implementing. It should not be left to the landlord to clean your fridge area for you.

7. Use fan extractor when cooking, and on FULL POWER when frying

Whenever using the hob to cook, put extractor fan on and ensure the kitchen door is closed. If cooking strong flavoured food, or frying anything, put fan on FULL. Weather-permitting, open a window to minimize condensation build up.

8. Rice Cooker & Kettle

Straddle rice cooker on hob with extractor fan on full.

9. Always cover any food going into the microwave

If splashes occur inside the microwave wipe them promptly to prevent food permanently baking into the metal interior.

10. Your Kitchen Cupboard

Wipe inside your cupboard occasionally. Also wipe down the outside door to reduce grease build up. You cannot leave this for the landlord to do for you when you move out. If you use empty cupboard space from a vacated tenant, this must be wiped of your food debris, not left for the landlord to do for you.

11. Dish Cloths

When permitting, help rotate clean dish clothes and sink cloths by putting used ones in with your washing if you have space. This is in the interests of good hygiene for yourself and others.

12. Kitchen Windows

Ensure this is shut after 11pm. If you come down to the kitchen after 11pm and the window or door is open, for security, please shut them, even if it was not you who opened them.