

CLEAR OUT & CLEAN UP: *The Final Home Handoff*

TAKE WHAT SHOULD GO. LEAVE WHAT SHOULD STAY. MAKE IT SHINE.

THE SIMPLE GOAL

Before the final walkthrough, the property should be:



CLEARED OUT



CLEAN



CONTRACTUALLY
COMPLETE



UTILITIES ON



READY FOR
THE BUYER

Sounds simple enough—but this is one stage where little oversights can create big last-minute headaches.

1 DON'T LEAVE UNWANTED "GIFTS"

YOUR GIFT MAY NOT BE THEIR GIFT.

Before leaving items behind, make sure the buyer actually wants them.

Think twice before leaving:

- Old Paint
- Cleaning Products
- Potted Plants
- Unwanted Furniture
- Garage Items
- Miscellaneous Supplies

WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK FIRST.

If an item is not required to remain and the buyer has not agreed to accept it, the safest approach is generally to remove it.

2 SOME LEFTOVERS ARE ACTUALLY HELPFUL

Certain property-specific materials may be useful to the new owner.

Examples might include:

- Matching Floor Tile
- Roof Tile
- Current Paint
- Specialty Building Materials
- Property-Specific Replacement Items



**BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT
WHAT YOU LEAVE.**

3 DON'T ACCIDENTALLY TAKE SOMETHING THAT STAYS!

**CHECK BEFORE YOU
LOAD THE TRUCK.**

The contract determines what is included with the sale.

One commonly overlooked example?

EXTRA APPLIANCES.

A refrigerator or freezer in the garage may be included in the sale unless it was properly excluded.



**WHEN IN DOUBT: CHECK THE
CONTRACT OR ASK ME BEFORE
REMOVING IT.**

The final walkthrough is not the time to discover that something contractually required to remain has disappeared.

4 WHAT DOES "BROOM CLEAN" MEAN?

The contract may require the property to be left in broom-clean condition.

At a minimum, that means:

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No Trash Left Behind |
No Rubbish in the Yard |
Garage Cleared |
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Living Spaces Cleared |
Lanai Cleared |
Home Left Clean & Presentable |

My Personal Rule? **LEAVE IT THE WAY YOU WOULD WANT TO RECEIVE IT.**

The contract may establish the minimum requirement.

**BUT A THOUGHTFUL HANDOFF
CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.**

Imagine arriving at your newly purchased home for the final walkthrough.

Would you rather see a home that technically meets the minimum—or one that feels *clean, cared for, and ready for its new owner?*



5 CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL CLEANING

**THE FINAL WALKTHROUGH
SHOULD FEEL LIKE A CELEBRATION...**

*Not the beginning of a
cleaning project.*

When possible, I personally favor having the home professionally cleaned after move-out.

It helps create a positive final impression and can reduce unnecessary concerns immediately before closing.



6 ONE VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER



**DO NOT TURN OFF
THE UTILITIES!**

**KEEP THE ELECTRICITY AND WATER ON THROUGH THE
FINAL WALKTHROUGH & CLOSING PROCESS AS REQUIRED.**

The buyer needs the opportunity to confirm that systems and equipment are operating properly. Turning off utilities too soon can create unnecessary problems and delays.



YOUR FINAL CHECKLIST

- ☒ Everything Removed That Should Go
- ☒ Everything Left That Should Stay
- ☒ Buyer Approved Any Extra Items
- ☒ Property-Specific Materials Organized
- ☒ Trash & Rubbish Removed
- ☒ Interior Cleaned
- ☒ Garage & Lanai Cleared
- ☒ Utilities Still On
- ☒ Property Ready for Final Walkthrough



*One Last Step
Together!*



CLOSING DAY!



CLEAR IT OUT. CLEAN IT UP. LEAVE IT RIGHT.
One Last Thoughtful Step Before Closing Day.

A smooth final handoff helps protect the transaction, creates a positive final walkthrough, and allows everyone to arrive at closing focused on the exciting part—successfully completing the sale.

♥ Need help with cleaning, removal, donation, or other move-out resources?
I'm happy to connect you with trusted options.



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