



Part 2: Find a place to relax by organizing your bedroom

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Your clean-up task may not be this daunting, but the result will be a fresh look for your bedroom.

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By completing Part 1: Declutter, you now have a better sense of the space available to you in your bedroom. You also have determined, through a sorting process, what items you will Donate, Toss, Put Somewhere Else, and Keep. If you haven't yet, remove all but the Keep items from the room. It's time to clean the room and confirm how you want it arranged:

CLEAN UP

1. Temporarily store the Keep items in a closet or other spot where they won't get in your way.
2. Strip the bed of its linens, wash the linens, and remake the bed.
3. Clean your window coverings. One cycle in the dryer on a low heat setting removes dust very nicely from curtains and drapes. Add a fabric softener sheet for a fresh smell.
4. Wash the windows and any blinds. For advice on cleaning different types of blinds, see [Frugal Living](#), [About.com](#), or [WiseGeek](#).
5. If your bedroom is carpeted, vacuum the carpet thoroughly, spot cleaning as necessary. If you have a hardwood or tile floor, clean it using your preferred method (for cleaning tips, go the the [World Floor Covering Association](#) web site, select from the list of coverings, and click on "Care").
6. Dust, polish and vacuum the rest of the room, including light fixtures, wall décor, ceiling fan, and heating/cooling vents. And, don't forget the cobwebs!
7. When you've finished your clean-up, the room will have a fresh look and smell.
8. If you want to rearrange the room, now's the time. For ideas and advice, visit [Creative Home Decorating Room-by-Room](#).

Now that your bedroom is looking clean and fresh, you're ready for Part 3: Organize, in which you will find homes for the items in your Keep bin.

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