

Step 1: Deep Clean

Hire a cleaning service and or deep clean home yourself.

- Open all windows to air out home

During your deep clean have as many windows open as possible to get fresh air in the home.

- Replace HVAC Filters

You may need to do this before and after as the filters can pick up gunk while you are deodorizing your home.

- Bathroom toilets & plumbing traps

Make SURE to clean the entire toilet including base. Can use baking soda and or abrasive cleaner such as Comet scrub clean. Fish debris out of plumbing traps using a drain brush or disassemble to clean out.

- Kitchen sink & dishwasher

Clean garbage disposal, let soak in baking soda and vinegar. Coffee grinds and or running ice down them works too. Clean seal at front of dishwasher door where food debris builds up and run an empty load, on hottest / sanitary cycle with 2 cups of vinegar.

- Ovens, stoves, refrigerators, and pantry

Pull out appliances and clean floor underneath and walls behind them. Clean out each appliance thoroughly. Throw out old food.

Couches, beds, and bedding -

Use an upholstery cleaner (can rent these) and or vacuum thoroughly. Next treat with febreze. Air them out as best as possible. Then put on fresh linens.

Clothes washer and laundry / mud room

Make sure you don't have any dirty clothes laying around. Spray your shoes with shoe disinfectant / deodorizer. Run an empty load on hottest setting with 2 cups of bleach. Leave lid open afterwards to air out / dry out machine.

Rugs, and flooring

Vacuum your rugs 5-10 times each with a vacuum that has a HEPA filter. Empty the vacuum's canister frequently. You will stop vacuuming when you hear and see your vacuum has stopped picking up debris. Mop and or steam clean tile floors.

Step 2: De Odorize

This process will neutralize the odors in your home. It takes 2-3 days for most homes. Perform it ONLY after a deep clean as it cannot lift smells up only, neutralizes the air. You may want to do it while you're away from home as well as the ozone generator creates a charged moist air feeling.

- (optional) Open one window in home no more than one inch

You can secure the window using window lock tabs, one on top to prevent vandals from opening further, and one on bottom to keep window open.

- Close all other windows in home

For this to work you need to seal off the home

- Turn on all fans

Turn on your HVAC blower and all ceiling fans.

- Plug in Ozone Generator

Place it as close to inlet for HVAC as possible.

- Place box or shop fan in front of Ozone Generator

Make sure fan is blowing air across the ozone generator. This will further accelerate the process and effectiveness of the Ozone Generator.

Step 3: Freshen home with a pleasant aroma

Now we will add a good smell back into your home. You will run this process for a few days as well or as long as you desire.

- Turn off the ozone generator
- Choose an aroma from below,
 - A. Scented Wax Lamp: These work by far the best. It's a safe alternative to lighting candles. The lamp melts a scented wax and releases pleasant aroma into the air.
 - B. Vanilla Extract: Pick various corners of the house. Remove light a couple light bulbs in each location. Then put a small drop of vanilla extract on them. Put the bulbs back, turn on the lights, and whola a pleasant vanilla smell is released into the home.
 - C. Scented HVAC Filters: Purchase a scented powder laundry detergent. Lightly sprinkle this onto your HVAC filter. Run the blower motor. Keep in mind it can be hard on / damage your blower motor.
- Close the cracked window & make sure home is completely closed up.
- Leave all fans running for one day then you can turn them off as desired

Step 4: Deodorization complete

Smell Gone? you've successfully deodorized your home. We recommend you periodically revisit this process to keep your home smelling great for years to come.

Smell Persists? There's no harm in running this deodorization process again for as long as you like. However, some smells may require a more invasive approach. If you find you're not having luck, then you may need to demo your flooring, and look at special coatings and or more invasive remediation to zap persistent odors for good.

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and list of deodorization supplies**

Make sure to share this guide with your friends ~ a stinky home is unpleasant for everybody as well as for the real estate market. If your friend is buying a home this remediation process can open the door to deeply discounted homes. If they are selling their home this will certainly increase its marketability. Either way stinky homes lend to transactions with lots of equity up for grabs so this process is worth thousands of dollars to whomever you share it with.