Cleaning Business Startup Checklist (2025)

Step 1: Define Your Niche

- Residential Cleaning
- Airbnb Turnovers
- Move-In/Move-Out Cleanings

Start with services that require minimal tools and deliver high value.

Step 2: Register Your Business

- Choose Sole Proprietor or LLC
- Apply for local permits if needed
- Register your business name

Step 3: Get Basic Insurance

- General Liability (around \$50/month)
- Optional: Bonding or workers' comp if hiring

Step 4: Purchase Essential Supplies

- Microfiber cloths
- Mop and bucket
- All-purpose cleaner
- Gloves and apron
- Caddy or tote for supplies

Step 5: Create Basic Branding

- Logo (Canva or Looka)
- Business cards (100 qty)
- Simple website (Wix, Carrd, Google Sites)
- Branded T-shirt or apron

Step 6: List and Promote

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- Google Business Profile
- Facebook Groups
- Craigslist, Nextdoor
- Offer first-time discounts or referral rewards

Step 7: Deliver Quality Service

- Be punctual and communicative
- Leave a thank-you note
- Request online reviews to build credibility

Reinvest & Grow

- Upgrade tools
- Hire helpers
- Use scheduling software
- Launch local ads (Google, Meta)