

Chapter 21. Final Finish Work

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Tools needed by volunteers:

Nail apron
Tape measure
Square
Utility knife
Pencil

Materials needed:

Air sealing caulk
1¼” Hard finish nails
Furnace filter
Paint
Wood putty
Cleaning supplies
Painter’s tape
Cardboard pieces

Tools and equipment needed:

6’ level
Caulk gun
Vacuum cleaner
Broom
Flashlight/trouble light

Personal Protection Equipment:

Safety glasses (required)

Safety First! Review the Safety Checklist before performing tasks in this chapter.

21.1. COMPLETING PUNCHLIST

1. Consult with the homeowner, compile a punchlist, and address all outstanding items on the list.

21.2. CLEANING HOUSE

1. Remove window labels and wash windows. Install screens.
2. Clean shower and sinks.
3. Clean countertops.
4. Sweep basement floor.
5. Vacuum carpets.
6. Wipe up hard flooring.
7. Remove all scraps, cardboard, etc.
8. Clean off concrete slabs.

21.3. INSTALLING HVAC WARM AIR VENT COVERS

1. Check that proper air sealing has been done around all warm air registers as explained in Section [12.3.3.2](#).
2. Clear any debris from inside or around the register.
3. Replace any temporary vent covers with permanent covers. Make sure vent cover adjusters work easily.

21.4. INSTALLING CLEAN FURNACE FILTER

1. Mark the direction of the “air flow” on the furnace filter door (see Figure 21-1) to remind homeowners of the proper orientation for the filter when they subsequently replace it.



Figure 21-1. Furnace Air Flow Direction.

2. If there is a 1” thick “construction furnace filter” in place, remove it and replace it with a new 5” thick filter (if possible, show the homeowners how to do this and let them practice). Make sure the filter is installed with the proper air flow direction as shown on the side of the filter.

21.5. FINISHING TOUCHES

1. Re-hang doors removed for carpet installation.
2. Use paint to touch-up all marks on walls. Leave one gallon of touch-up paint for the homeowner.
3. Remove any plastic window edging strips or painter’s tape from around window frames and any painter’s tape from tub/shower flange.
4. Check that stair grip strips have been installed on basement stairs that do not have finished flooring. If not done, install them following directions in Section 19.6.1.
5. Use a flashlight or trouble light to double check that all nails have been set and puttied.
6. Lay protective cardboard over flooring. Cover living room carpeting first, then hallways and into bedrooms. Cover hard flooring last, if there is available cardboard. Make sure all cardboard is dry before using.

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