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Spring cleaning is supposed to take place before summer, not after it. But, as usual, I **procrastinated** and now I have to finally **get rid of** all the **junk** I've accumulated over the year. But now **there are no ifs, ands, or buts about it**--the cleaning must be done!

I start in my bedroom. I have a king bed, with a sheet on the **mattress** and a **top sheet**, with **pillow cases** on the **pillows**. Atop all that I have a **down comforter**. Well, they all need to be washed, so into the machine they go. Next I **start in on** the closet. What a mess! I've got boxes and **bins** full of stuff that need **sorting**. Finally, I have to **vacuum** the carpet and **dust**. Whew! Quite a job! Good thing I don't have any **drapes**, just **shades** on the windows.

But I'm not done yet. It's time to move on to the kitchen. I have a combination **stove** and **oven**, both of which I need to clean. I start with the **fridge**, though, which needs the most work. I take out the shelves and **rinse them all off**. Then I **dump** anything that has passed its **expiration date**. Then it's back to the stove, which I need to **scrub** clean of the grease and **stains**, and the same for the oven. Finally, I wash all the dirty dishes and put them in a **dish rack** next to the sink.

Spring cleaning is always **a mixed bag** for me. It's a lot of work, but I also find things I've been missing for the past year! Maybe next time I'll manage to do my spring cleaning in the spring.