



Chinese New Year tends to be a very manic time leading up to the celebrations and festivities which is why I have put together this comprehensive Chinese New Year Checklist for 2020, the year of the Yang Metal Rat (Geng Zi) to hopefully make things a bit calmer in the run-up to Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year brings so many jobs and tasks that need doing around the home and office that need doing and every year I go through the home and office that I tend to forget things that need doing which is why I created a checklist to tick off as I go through all of the tedious tasks and I decided to share it on the website for others to add or change how they like, and the feedback has been amazing, and I am so thankful for all of your kind words.

The list below is the same list that I go through every year during Chinese New Year and this year, I have tailored the checklist to be relevant to the year of the Rat and have included where to place the [2020 Annual Cures and Enhancers](#) and colour suggestions for each different compass sector of your home or office for the year which will hopefully make it a bit easier when going through everything before the start of the year of the Rat. This also makes a great reference sheet to keep handy during 2020 when introducing new furniture or decorations.

Please feel free to share this list with your friends and family.

Chinese New Year 2020 (lunar) date for celebrating – 25th January 2020
Chinese New Year 2020 (Solar) date for placing Cures – February 4th 2020
2020 is the year of the Yang Metal Rat (Geng Zi) 庚子

<p style="text-align: center;">Kitchen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wash floors and walls <input type="checkbox"/> Clean out fridge <input type="checkbox"/> Clean out oven <input type="checkbox"/> Organise cabinets, drawers etc. and throw out old food and rubbish <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down all cabinets, worktops etc <input type="checkbox"/> Clean out microwave <input type="checkbox"/> Bleach drains and sink <input type="checkbox"/> Move out dishwasher, fridge and washing machine and clean behind <input type="checkbox"/> Deep clean washing machine and dishwasher on an empty cycle <input type="checkbox"/> Clean behind kickboards <input type="checkbox"/> Check carbon monoxide alarm <input type="checkbox"/> Wash all windows and window frames <input type="checkbox"/> Check smoke alarms <input type="checkbox"/> Throw away any broken crockery <input type="checkbox"/> Replace water filter <input type="checkbox"/> Open windows to air room out <input type="checkbox"/> Spray space clearing Essential oil around room <input type="checkbox"/> Clean filters in oven <input type="checkbox"/> Place fresh fruit in a bowl, especially oranges to attract wealth <input type="checkbox"/> Place Kitchen God 	<p style="text-align: center;">Garden and driveway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cut grass and lay seed or turf in dead patches <input type="checkbox"/> Trim all trees and hedges and clear rubbish <input type="checkbox"/> Wash down patio or decking and paint if necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Remove all weeds and rubbish from the garden including broken furniture and pots <input type="checkbox"/> Wash all outside windows in the home both top and bottom <input type="checkbox"/> Touch up any paint <input type="checkbox"/> Clear drains and gutters <input type="checkbox"/> Wash out recycling bins <input type="checkbox"/> Clear out shed or outhouse <input type="checkbox"/> Clean swimming pool/sauna <input type="checkbox"/> Clean pots <input type="checkbox"/> Check security lighting and replace bulbs if necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Water plants if necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Tidy away tools and brushes <input type="checkbox"/> Clean chimney <input type="checkbox"/> Clean out barbecue <input type="checkbox"/> Clean doormats <input type="checkbox"/> Clear driveway and entrance to the home to attract Sheng Qi <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid knives and scissors on New Year day
<p style="text-align: center;">Hallway and landing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wash floors and walls or Hoover <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth 	<p style="text-align: center;">Bathrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Deep clean bath, sink, bidet, toilet <input type="checkbox"/> Bleach drains and toilet

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows and frames <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down any cabinets or furniture <input type="checkbox"/> Open windows to air room out <input type="checkbox"/> Check alarm system if present <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down doors with cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Spray space clearing Essential oil around the room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wash floor or Hoover carpet <input type="checkbox"/> Open windows to air room out <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Wash floors, walls and behind units <input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows, frames and mirrors <input type="checkbox"/> Spray space clearing Essential oil around the room
<p style="text-align: center;">Garage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wash down the garage door <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep floor <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe walls and ceiling down <input type="checkbox"/> Clear any clutter and throw away rubbish <input type="checkbox"/> Spray space clearing Essential oil around the room <input type="checkbox"/> Touch up any paint <input type="checkbox"/> Open the garage door to air out <input type="checkbox"/> Check smoke detector 	<p style="text-align: center;">Loft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Clear cobwebs and dust <input type="checkbox"/> Remove all clutter and throw away <input type="checkbox"/> Check for holes or tears in the lining <input type="checkbox"/> Check the water tank <input type="checkbox"/> Check lighting fixtures and replace broken bulbs <input type="checkbox"/> Spray space clearing Essential oil around the room
<p style="text-align: center;">Cars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wash cars or take to a car wash <input type="checkbox"/> Check tyre pressures <input type="checkbox"/> Check oil level <input type="checkbox"/> Clean inside of the car <input type="checkbox"/> Throw away any rubbish <input type="checkbox"/> Check the coolant level <input type="checkbox"/> Replace air freshener <input type="checkbox"/> Clear air filter <input type="checkbox"/> Top up petrol or diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Fill washer fluid tank <input type="checkbox"/> Check tyre tread depth 	<p style="text-align: center;">Bedrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Organise drawers <input type="checkbox"/> Throw away any clutter or old clothes <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Check light bulbs and replace if needed <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum or wash curtains and blinds <input type="checkbox"/> Clean all furniture <input type="checkbox"/> Flip or rotate the mattress <input type="checkbox"/> Wash sheets <input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows and frames <input type="checkbox"/> Wash or Hoover floor <input type="checkbox"/> Dust all décor down <input type="checkbox"/> Steam clean carpets <input type="checkbox"/> Open windows to air room out <input type="checkbox"/> Hoover and dust under furniture and bed <input type="checkbox"/> Check smoke detectors <input type="checkbox"/> Spray space clearing Essential oil around the room
<p style="text-align: center;">Dining room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Throw away any clutter <input type="checkbox"/> Organise drawers <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Check light bulbs and replace if needed <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum or wash curtains and blinds <input type="checkbox"/> Clean all furniture <input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows and frames <input type="checkbox"/> Wash or Hoover floor <input type="checkbox"/> Dust all décor down <input type="checkbox"/> Steam clean carpets <input type="checkbox"/> Hoover and dust under furniture and bed <input type="checkbox"/> Check smoke detectors <input type="checkbox"/> Spray space clearing Essential oil around the room <input type="checkbox"/> Open windows to air room out 	<p style="text-align: center;">Living Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Throw away any clutter <input type="checkbox"/> Organise drawers <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Check light bulbs and replace if needed <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum or wash curtains and blinds <input type="checkbox"/> Clean all furniture <input type="checkbox"/> Wash or wipe sofa down <input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows and frames <input type="checkbox"/> Wash or Hoover floor <input type="checkbox"/> Dust all décor down <input type="checkbox"/> Steam clean carpets <input type="checkbox"/> Hoover and dust under furniture and bed <input type="checkbox"/> Clean television <input type="checkbox"/> Spray space clearing Essential oil around the room <input type="checkbox"/> Open windows to air room out

2020 Annual Afflictions

Tai Sui location for 2020 – North (352.5 – 7.5)

Three killings location for 2020 – South (142.5 – 217.5)

Annual five yellow location for 2020 – East (67.5 – 112.5)

Sui Po location for 2020 – South 172.5 – 187.5)

Annual Cures and Enhancers for 2020

<p>Northwest</p> <p>LianCaiZhong Nian Master Cure</p> <p>Panlong double coiled Dragon chasing pearl statue</p>	<p>North</p> <p>Lu Mi Tai Sui card</p>	<p>Northeast</p> <p>FuXi Dual dragon bell</p> <p>Qian Cai Chan Chu Toad and bucket</p>
<p>West</p> <p>Bixi Dragon headed tortoise</p>	<p>Centre</p> <p>Mei Hua Fu Zhou Protection Plum Blossom Amulet</p>	<p>East</p> <p>Six Chinese i-ching coins In a row</p> <p>Salt water cure</p> <p>six-rod hollow metal wind chime</p>
<p>Southwest</p> <p>Jiangongliye Wealth and wish enhancer</p>	<p>South</p> <p>Six Chinese i-ching coins In a row</p> <p>Salt water cure</p> <p>Juan Kuan offering plate</p>	<p>Southeast</p> <p>Caiyuangungun Sheng Chi cure</p> <p>ChuXi Crystal tree for wealth and career</p>

Fun facts and advice for Chinese New Year

- Ensure that house, flat, office or any other building is completely clean from top to bottom, to encourage good luck in the coming year.
- Open all the windows and doors in every single part of the home as this is said to bring in clean, new good luck for the year.
- Switch on all of the lights in the home inside and out as this is said to attract good luck from outside and if the windows and doors are wide open, it is easy for the luck to enter. The bright lights and open windows are also used to scare away evil spirits.
- Buy a new pair of slippers at New Year. It is said to stop people gossiping about you. In China, face and reputation are very important.
- Avoid arguments, using knives, driving too far, and they love to gamble on New Year's Day as they hope to create good luck and wealth. You can read more on this below.
- Do not punish or discipline the children. Otherwise, they will have more arguments in the New Year.
- Refrain from using a knife or scissors in the kitchen.
- You should not wash on this day which means do not take a bath, shower or wash your hair on Chinese New Year's Day as this will wash away all good luck for you.
- Refrain from wearing black or white colours when visiting friends on this day as these colours are associated with funerals and death.
- Visit recently deceased friends or family on New Year's Day
- When you wake somebody up on this morning, do not use their name as it is said that this person will be dependent on you all year long to motivate them.
- Do not wash any clothes on this day as Chinese New Year Day is the birthday of the god of Water.
- Do not cut your hair or nails on this day as it is believed that you will be bringing pain to your relations.
- Keep everything positive and do not talk about anything negative on this day as you will be setting an example for how the rest of your year is to be lived.

We are more than happy to share our content; all you need to do is give us credit for our hard work and a link back to our website. Please feel free to share this checklist with your friends and family as we believe that the more you share, the better the Karma...!

<http://www.fengshuiweb.co.uk/chinesenewyearchecklist2020.htm>

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Recommendations for 2020

<p>Northwest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place a Panglong double coiled Dragon chasing pearl in the northwest of your home or office for 2020 Keep the northwest of your home or office clean throughout the year and make sure it is free of clutter during 2020 Place a Lian Cai Zhong Nian Master cure for wealth protection in the northwest in 2020 Introduce some fire colours into the centre to enhance the energies; a quick and easy way is using bed covers, rugs, table covers, sofa throws etc. Try not to add an excessive amount of red in the northwest this year. Place a red Tsai Shen Yeh statue in the northwest of your home or office to protect wealth in 2020 This is also a good study area for children provided they are quiet. Place a task light and a crystal globe on the desk to enhance concentration. A romance enhancer is a pair of rose quartz Mandarin Ducks in the northwest this year. 	<p>North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place a light in the north of your home. If you have a choice, a lamp with a wooden stand and a peach/red shade is better. Try to leave it on whenever you are using the room. Do not place wind chimes of any material in the north in 2020 as this will make matters worse. Take extra security measures for the whole home or business during 2020 and check smoke alarms regularly. Place a Lu Mi Tai Sui plague to pay respect and appease Tai Sui during 2020 Check through everything before signing documents, especially if your office is in the north. Beware of backstabbing, as sometimes it is unseen and behind your back and also from someone you thought you knew quite well. You should avoid having a water feature in the north in 2020 unless you have a good understanding of your fixed flying stars. Introduce some fire colours in to the north for 2020 to weaken the #3 wood star. 	<p>Northeast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have a bedroom in the northeast, I would place a brass Wu Lou next to your bed and also introduce a blue, black, grey or charcoal duvet cover, throw or pillows. If you cannot afford to purchase a wu lou, you should place a heavy round object close to your bed; a quick, easy cure is to place a good quality frying pan under your bed for the year. Place a FuXi Dual Dragon bell in the northeast in 2020 to enhance and protect the #1 star You should avoid burning candles in the northeast in 2020 and please avoid any fire colours like red, pink, purple, orange or burgundy; blues, blacks, grey or charcoal are good colours to use. Place a Qian Cai Chan Chu Three-legged Toad and wealth pot in the northeast in 2020 to enhance and protect the #1 star Metal objects are very effective when placed in the northeast in 2020. Clicking here will take you to our page of all of our cures and enhancers for the annual #1 star Although they will not be as powerful, you can use round metal shapes as an alternative to using Feng Shui items, but please avoid sharp or menacing looking metal objects.
<p>West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy green leafy plants or blue flowering plants such as violets are good for this area. Place a Bixi Dragon headed Tortoise in the west of your home and office Fresh flowers displayed here will bring positive qi too. Symbolic objects such as a wu lou or eight Chinese coins can be placed here all year round to enhance benevolent influence and at the same time dissipate the malevolent influence by the visiting monthly #2 and #5. 	<p>Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You should try to introduce some water colours such as blue in your decoration. You can introduce the colour with cushions, rugs, bed covers or doormats. Do not use anything of fire element or colours red to control it as this may aggravate it. Avoid candles at all costs in the centre during 2020 Place a Mei Hua Fu Zhou Protection Plum Blossom Amulet in the centre of your home or office in 2020 for protection 	<p>East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid playing loud music in the east of the home or room. Keep doors closed in the east this year as much as possible Do not decorate the east with any red or earth colours this year. Grey, blue or white beddings and curtains are good colours to use for 2020. Place a salt water cure in the southwest of the building along with six Chinese coins tied in a row with red ribbon and six hollow metal rod wind chime.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install or service/upgrade smoke alarms and security systems. • Do not hang metal wind chimes here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The six coins in row and salt cure are a crucial cure to place in 2020; please do not forget it. • Place a Brass Wu-Lou in the east corner of the room if this is your bedroom. • Metal objects such as six Chinese metal coins tied in a red ribbon and a brass Dragon can be placed in this corner too. Do not to use red dragons. • Do not burn candles in the east during 2020 and please avoid any triangular shapes • Tsai Shen Yeh (God of wealth) in gold colour is very effective at not only reducing the bad earth but by also protecting your wealth. • Replace or at the very least cleanse your Ba Gua mirror if you have one in the east. Especially if you have a door here. • If you have a main door in the east in 2020, make sure that you oil the hinges and try not to let it bang shut and oil squeaky hinges.
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<p>Southwest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use blue in your décor in the southwest of your home or office in 2020. • Place a <u>Jiangongliye Wealth and wish enhancer</u> in the southwest of your home or office • If you have an office and study in the southwest, place a task light and a crystal globe on the work desk. Blue items can be added on the desk, e.g. blue paper, blue books etc • Avoid displaying too many metal objects in the southwest; especially large heavy ornaments such as dumbbells • Fresh flowers or small pots of green leafy or flowering plants can be displayed in this spot of the house to lift the qi. Blue or green flowers are a good choice. • If you have the Taohua mandarin Ducks, this is a good area to have them and any other symbols of romance like hugging couples etc. • Place a Kwan Yin statue in the southwest, but please keep it higher than ground level • Place photos of loved ones or images of love to enhance relationships or attract new love. This can do with photos, paintings or statues, make sure there is always a pair in the image. 	<p>South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hang a <u>Juan Kuan offering plate</u> in the south of your home or office in 2020 • Place a salt water cure in the south during 2020 • If you do not wish to use traditional Feng Shui cures, you can use any metal ornament as long as it is not sharp or aggressive looking. Although not as effective, believe it or not, a good cure is a round metal dog bowl or weight lifters weights. • Hang six Chinese coins tied in red ribbon. • A good quality brass wealth ingot is good for protecting wealth in the south this year. • A metal singing bowl is very good to place in your home or office. • Please keep this area as quiet as possible during 2020. • Place a gold coloured three-legged Toad with an i-ching coin underneath. • Place a Wu Lou and other metal ornaments to dissipate the negative earth. • Avoid using red colour in this room and refrain from displaying a triangle shape or fiery pictures. • Avoid candles or bright lights at all costs. Check or upgrade smoke alarms and other fire prevention methods. 	<p>Southeast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this is your bedroom, a shade of blue or black in your furnishing or décor may help with health. A blue painting (not water scene) may also do. • Hang a <u>Caiyuangungun Sheng Chi cure</u> in the southeast of your home or office this year to enhance and protect wealth. • Real quartz crystal is very good in the southeast for 2020 as is faceted crystal spheres. • Place a <u>ChuXi Crystal gemstone tree for wealth and career luck</u> to enhance and protect wealth for 2020; this is especially important if you have a bed or desk located in the southeast this year. • Avoid fire colours such as red and please do not light candles in the southeast in 2020 unless the monthly stars allow so.
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