



# Get Your Home Show Ready

## A HOME SELLER'S CHECKLIST

### INTERIOR

#### Clean:

- Doors
- Windows
- Light switches
- Baseboards
- Chair rails
- Carpets
- Draperies

#### Paint:

- Paint/repaint rooms in neutral colors as needed

#### Other tasks:

- Remove/pull back dark curtains
- Lubricate squeaky

- door hinges
- Clean ceiling fans
- Check for cobwebs in all corners
- Fix scratches in wooden floors
- Repair/replace broken flooring

- Use area rugs, if needed
- Empty wastebaskets
- Make beds
- Fluff or replace accent pillows

### KITCHEN

- Keep dishes and food out of sight
- Clean appliances
- Sweep/Mop

- Clean light fixtures
- Test electrical outlets
- Eliminate cooking odors

- Deodorize garbage disposal, dishwasher, and refrigerator
- Clean cupboards and under sink

- Replace garbage disposal gasket to reduce noise

### BATHROOMS

- Remove soap residue, mildew and mold from surfaces
- Clean out cabinets; remove nonessentials

- Keep fresh, clean towels on towel rack
- Clean/lubricate shower door

- Replace shower curtain
- Clean exhaust fan, heater; replace if broken or noisy

### LAUNDRY AREA

- Clean out area behind washer/dryer
- Eliminate any mildew odors

### CLOSETS

- Keep closets clean and free of clutter
- Throw out or pack away nonessentials

### BASEMENT

- Eliminate any signs of dampness
- Check for and eliminate cracks

### GARAGE/CARPORT/SHED

- Clean and unclutter
- Adjust tension rod to eliminate sag from garage door
- Put away tools
- Clear any cobwebs
- Remove oil/paint stains from floor

- Lubricate/adjust/repair garage door opener

### HEATING/AC UNIT

- Vacuum
- Replace filter
- Clean intake vent

### EXTERIOR

#### Replace, repair, paint any damaged:

- Plaster
- Wood siding
- Trim
- Rain gutters
- Shutters
- Doors
- Window frames
- Screens
- Water spigots
- Street numbers on house
- Fences/gates
- Outdoor lighting

#### Clean:

- Siding
- Windows/Screen
- Pet droppings
- Outdoor BBQ
- Pool/spa
- Service areas/trash cans
- Haul away garbage/debris
- Straighten woodpile
- Test doorbell
- Clean oil stains from driveway

### ADDITIONAL TIPS

#### Clean everything

Cleanliness signals to a buyer that the home has been well cared for and is most likely in good repair. A messy home will cause buyers to notice every flaw.

#### Unclutter your home

The less "stuff" in and around a home, the roomier it will seem.

#### Let the light in

Open the blinds. Put brighter bulbs in all the lamps. Bright, open rooms feel larger and more inviting.

#### Let some fresh air in

If the weather is nice, open the windows. Fresh flowers and potpourri can also be used to your advantage.

#### Send the kids to Grandma's

Or take them on a walk around the block. Active children can be distracting to someone viewing a home.

#### Paint

There's nothing that improves the value of a home more than a few cans of paint. And it's so often easier to paint a room than it is to scrub it. Stick with neutral colors.

#### Keep the noise down

Turn off TV and turn on soft instrumental background music.