



Is Your *Home* **READY FOR SALE?**

Our goal is to present your home at its best. Your goal should be to present a clean, spacious, clutter-free home – the kind you would like to buy! Some simple tasks, if not paid attention to, could possibly affect the sale of your home. So we've created a checklist to help you prepare your home for sale!

Exterior Curb Appeal

- Keep lawn mowed and shrubs trimmed
- Edge gardens and walkways
- Remove all cars from driveway
- Hide garbage cans inside garage
- Sweep walkways and driveways
- Remove branches, litter, and toys
- Add color and fill bare spots with plantings
- Remove mildew or moss from walls or walks with bleach and water
- Take stains off your driveway with cleaner or kitty litter
- Clean and pressure wash patio and deck areas (Make repairs if necessary)
- Remove any broken/worn outdoor furniture
- Make sure pool is sparkling clean
- Remove screens from front windows
- Replace old storm/screen doors
- Check for broken/misaligned roof shingles
- Repair broken windows/shutters, replace torn screens and make sure seams are caulked
- Pressure wash exterior siding, replace damaged bricks or wood
- Clean and remove rust from any window A/C units or store them away
- Paint the front door and mailbox
- Add a new front door mat and consider seasonal door decoration
- Clean or repaint hardware on front door, exterior lighting fixtures, etc.
- Make sure doorbell is in working order

General Interior

- Add a fresh coat of interior paint in light, neutral colors
- Shampoo carpeting, replace if necessary
- Remove rugs, floor mats, and door mats to enhance perception of floor space size
- Clean, wax or refinish hardwood floors
- Clean and wash kitchen and bathroom floors
- Wash all windows, vacuum blinds, wash window sills
- Clean the fireplace
- Clean out and organize closets,
- Pack clothes and items you won't need again until after you've moved
- Remove extra furniture, worn rugs, and items you don't use, especially from stairs
- Repair easy fixes: loose doorknobs, cracked molding, leaky taps and toilets, squeaky doors, closet or screen doors off their tracks, etc.
- Add potpourri or scented candles
- Secure jewelry, cash, or other valuables

Bedrooms

- Organize furniture to create a spacious look with sitting, sleeping, and dressing areas
- Organize and minimize clutter in closet

Bathrooms

- Remove all rust and mildew
- Make sure tile, fixtures, and shower doors are immaculate and shining
- Stow all personal hygiene items
- Put out fresh towels, linens, and toilet paper

Kitchen

- Make sure appliances are clean inside and out
- Make sure all appliances are in working order
- Clean often-forgotten spots: on top of fridge and under sink
- Wax or sponge floors to brilliant shine, clean baseboards
- Organize items inside cabinets, pre-pack anything you won't be using
- Keep counters as clear and empty as possible

Living Room

- Make it cozy and inviting by removing extra furniture
- Remove chipped or worn furniture and frayed or worn rugs
- Consider packing away personal photos
- Remove as much clutter as possible

Basement and Attic

- Sell or give away all unnecessary items
- Organize and create more space by hanging tools and placing items on shelves
- Clean water heater and drain sediment
- Change furnace filter
- Make inspection access easy
- Clean and paint concrete floors and walls
- Provide strong overhead lighting
- Tidy up by discarding or pre-packing
- Make sure exposed insulation is visible and in good condition
- Make sure air vent is in good working order



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