

# Get Your Home Show Ready

## A Home Sellers Checklist

### Interior

#### Clean:

- Doors
- Windows
- Light Switches
- Baseboards
- Chair Rails
- Carpets
- Draperies

#### Paint:

- Paint/repaint rooms in neutral colors as needed

#### Heating/AC Unit:

- Vacuum
- Replace filter
- Clean intake vent

#### Other Tasks:

- Remove/pull back dark curtains
- Lubricate squeaky door hinges
- Clean ceiling fans
- Check for cobwebs
- Fix scratches in wooden floors
- Repair/replace broken flooring
- Use area rugs, if needed
- Empty wastebaskets
- Make beds
- Fluff or replace accent pillows
- Keep closets free of clutter
- Throw out/pack away nonessentials

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

### Laundry Area/Basement

- Clean out area behind washer/dryer
- Eliminate any mildew odors
- Eliminate any signs of dampness
- Check for and eliminate cracks

### Exterior

#### Clean:

- Siding
- Windows/Screens
- Pet droppings
- Outdoor BBQ
- Pool/Spa

#### Service areas/ Trash cans:

- Haul away garbage
- Test doorbell
- Clean driveway

#### Replace, repair, paint:

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

### Garage/Carport/Shed

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

#### 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 house 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.

##### 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.

##### Let some fresh air in

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

##### 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.