

HOME SALE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Enhance a buyer's first impression of your home with these exterior and interior tips that make a difference.

Outside:

- Plant flowers to add color/texture and eliminate obvious weeds.
- Plant grass seed in patchy areas and add mulch to define beds and highlight trees.
- Rake leaves and discard sticks, branches or debris.
- Shovel driveways and walkways if necessary.
- Put away bicycles and children's toys.
- Repair cracks or broken pavement.
- Repair crumbling steps.
- Powerwash driveway and walkways.
- Reseal asphalt if necessary.
- Fix chipped paint or weathered stain on front door and garage doors.
- Clean and/or replace door handles, hinges, knockers and doorbells.
- Include appropriate furnishing around pools, patios, wood decks and fire pits.
- Clean/powerwash pool decks, wood decks and patios.
- If the pool is open remove toys and make sure it sparkles.
- Clean unwanted ashes from fire pits and stack with fresh wood.
- Make sure the gas grill is clean and starts easily.
- Ensure all outdoor lighting is in working order.
- Clean windows and make sure they open and close easily.
- Paint faded or chipped window shutters.
- Powerwash siding.
- Consider painting window trim and/or the entire house.

Inside:

- Define spaces and make rooms look bigger by eliminating unnecessary or large furniture.
- Pack away personal items such as family photos, trophies, refrigerator memorabilia, etc.
- Organize and store toys, books, games, etc.
- Clear off kitchen and bathroom counters.
- Organize pots/pans and pack away rarely used kitchen items.
- Organize and reduce garage, basement and attic items.
- Clean and organize laundry room.
- Clean oven, stove, microwave, dishwasher and refrigerator.
- Clean kitchen cabinets, drawers and pantry.
- Clean under kitchen and bathroom sinks.
- Clean out medicine cabinets.
- Clean windows, sills, blinds, ceiling fans and shutters.
- Clean light switches and door handles.
- Clean, paint and organize closets.
- Paint marred or chipped walls and doors in neutral colors.
- Replace light bulbs in all fixtures.
- Reduce pet paraphernalia.



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