

Getting Your Home Ready to Sell

Use this checklist to show your home in its best light.

Kitchen/Bathrooms/Laundry

- Appliances sparkle – inside and out
- No stains on countertops or sinks
- Clutter-free counters and tabletops
- Tidy pet areas
- Spotless bathtubs and shower stalls
- No mildew stains on tiles and grouting
- Fresh shower curtains
- Neat and tidy laundry area
- Laundry folded neatly and put away

Walls & Doorframes

- Fingerprints removed
- Baseboards clean and dust-free
- Cobwebs removed
- Nail and thumbtack holes covered
- Cracks, chips and leaks repaired
- Damaged wall surfaces repaired
- Painting touched up or redone
- Peeling wallpaper replaced

Doors & Windows

- Open and close easily
- All oiled and squeak-free
- Doorknobs, handles and latches work properly
- Cracked glass replaced
- Spot- and streak-free glass surfaces – inside and out
- Screens clean, vacuumed and in good repair
- Repainted or refinished, as required
- Doors and hallways free of shoes, boots and obstacles

Floor & Window Coverings

- All clean, vacuumed and stain-free
- Floor coverings in good repair
- No signs of excessive wear
- No signs sun damage on curtains
- Window hardware operates smoothly

Lighting & Plumbing

- All overhead lighting in working order
- Exposed wiring repaired
- All lamps in working order
- Correct wattage in all bulbs
- Faucets turn on and off easily
- Drip-free faucets
- Toilets in good working order

Cupboard, Closets & Storage Areas

- Free of excess clutter
- Tidy and organized
- Kitchen pantries stocked neatly
- Dish cupboard organized
- Clothing hung neatly, shoes organized
- Stored items boxed neatly and labeled

Living Areas

- Aired, dusted and vacuumed
- Free of excess clutter and furniture
- Furniture clean and in good condition
- Beds made
- Dishes done
- Incoming mail and circulars removed or put away
- Bookshelves, entertainment units organized neatly
- Unread newspapers and magazines disposed of
- Children's games and toys organized and put away
- Fireplace clean/ashes removed

Basement, Garage & Other Storage Areas

- Free of excess clutter
- Tidy and organized
- Swept or vacuumed
- Key equipment clearly marked (i.e. furnace controls, water/gas shut-off valves, breaker panels, etc.)

Exterior

- Walks, steps and driveway obstacle-free
- Driveway/ walkway surfaces repaired
- Exterior trim, window frames and doors in good repair
- Paint touched up, as required
- Gutters clean and obstacle-free
- Snow shoveled

Yard

- Lawn mowed and weeded, leaves raked
- Hedges trimmed, trees pruned
- Gardens tended
- Firewood neatly stacked
- Play or pool areas clean, tidy and in good repair
- Children's bikes and skateboards neatly stored
- Trash area clean and organized
- Airborne litter disposed of
- Unnecessary miscellaneous items removed or stored
- Dog runs maintain and "deposit free"