

Getting Your Home Ready - Checklist

Curb Appeal

- Mow lawn and trim shrubs
- Sweep walkways and driveway, remove branches, litter, pet droppings and toys
- Remove mildew or moss from walls or walks and remove stains from your driveway
- Clean patio and deck area
- Remove any outdoor furniture which is in poor condition
- Make sure the pool or spa sparkles
- Check for tight-fitting roof shingles
- Repair broken windows and shutters, replace torn screens, make sure frames and seams have solid caulking
- Touch up exterior paint, repair gutters and eaves
- Clean and remove rust from any window air conditioning units
- Paint the front door and mailbox
- Shine brass hardware on front door, outside lighting fixtures, etc.
- Ensure doorbell works

General Interior Tips

- Add a fresh coat of interior paint in light, neutral colors
- Clean baseboards, shampoo carpeting, clean and wax hardwood floors
- Wash all windows, vacuum blinds, wash window sills
- Clean out and organize closets, pack clothes and items you won't need until after you've moved
- Remove extra furniture, worn rugs, and items you don't use
- Organize furnishings to create a spacious look
- Repair problems such as loose door knobs, cracked molding, leaking taps and toilets, squeaky doors, closets or screen doors which are off their tracks
- Add dishes of potpourri, or drop of vanilla or bath oil on light bulbs for scent
- Set the table for a formal dinner to help viewers imagine entertaining here

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The Kitchen

- Make sure appliances are spotless inside and out (try baking soda for cleaning stains)
- Make sure all appliances are in perfect working order
- Clean often-forgotten spots on top of the refrigerator and under the sink
- Declutter all counter space, remove countertop appliances
- Organize items inside cabinets, pre-pack anything you won't be using before you move

The Bathrooms

- Remove all rust and mildew
- Make sure tile, fixtures, shower doors, etc. are very clean and shining
- Make sure all fixtures are in good repair
- Replace loose caulking or grout
- Unclog slow drains

The Garage

- Sell, give away, or throw out unnecessary items and tidy storage or work areas
- Clean oily cement floor

Others

- Clean water heater and drain sediment
- Change furnace filter
- Make inspection access easy (to crawl-spaces and attics)
- Make sure energy-saving insulation is properly installed in the attic
- Make sure air vent is in working order
- Wash your windows and screens
- Replace HVAC | AC | furnace filter