

# This checklist will help you get your home ready to show

✓ EXTERIOR
Clean around service areas/trash cans
Haul away rubbish
Straighten woodpile
Repair leaky faucets
Clean up pet droppings
Paint or varnish doors
Polish door hardware
Make sure doorbell/knocker works
Paint or replace street numbers on house
Make sure septic tank is odor free
Clean oil stains from driveway/street
Patch/reseal driveway if necessary
<b>Replace, repair, and/or paint any damages:</b>
Plaster
Wood siding
Trim
Rain gutters
Shutters
Doors
Window frames
Glazing
Screens
Hardware
Fences/gates
Outdoor lighting
<b>Landscaping</b>
Mow/edge lawn regularly
Aerate/feed lawn
Overseed bare spots in lawn
Water lawn regularly
Remove/replace dead plants
Prune overgrown/diseased/damaged shrubs
Prune or remove shrubs/trees blocking view from windows (unless view is undesirable)
Stake up any sagging trees/shrubs
Keep flower beds free of weeds
Trim around base of trees/walls/fences
<b>Repair or remove any broken or damaged landscape accessories such as:</b>
Fences
Walls Gazebos
Fountains
Trellises
Planters
Other
Replace any broken stepping stones
Adjust any sprinkler system; repair any broken/leaky heads
Install fences or shrubs to hide any unsightly views
✓ CLEAN/WASH
Siding
Windows
Screen
Outdoor BBQ
AC unit
Pool/Spa
✓ PUT LIGHT BULBS IN:
Porch Lights
Carport
Garage

✓ CLOSETS
Keep closets clean and free of clutter
Throw out or pack away non-essentials
Adjust/repair sliding doors
Lubricate sliding door hardware
Paint, if needed
✓ ALL ROOMS, Clean especially around:
Doors
Windows
Light switches
Baseboards
Chair rails
Wash lace curtains and have draperies cleaned if necessary
Remove or pull back dark curtains
Lubricate window slides (soap for wood silicon or a candle stump for metal)
Make sure doors open smoothly
Clean ceiling light fixtures
Check for cobwebs in all corners
Fix any scratches in wooden floors
Replace worn/broken flooring
Remove or replace worn carpet
Use area rugs where needed
Empty wastebaskets
Make the beds
Fluff the pillows
✓ KITCHEN
Keep dishes and food out of sight
Clean appliances
Clean range hood, including light bulbs
Clean behind appliances
Keep floor clean
Clean light fixture
Make sure all electrical outlets work
Eliminate cooking odors
Deodorize garbage disposal, dishwasher, and refrigerator
Repair faucets
Put fresh shelf paper in cabinets
Organize cupboards
Clean out under sink
Replace garbage disposal gasket to reduce noise
✓ BATHROOMS, Keep them spotlessly clean:
Shine mirrors
Keep wastebaskets empty and clean
Clean out cabinets and remove non-essentials
Keep fresh, clean towels on towel racks
Clean shower door – if sliding door, keep track well lubricated
Remove soap residue, mildew and mold from sink/tub/shower
Remove stains from porcelain sink tub toilet
Replace torn/moldy shower curtain
Clean tile grout
Make sure toilet flushes properly – replace mechanism if necessary
Clean exhaust fan/heater – replace if broken or noisy

✓ GARAGE/CARPORT/SHED
Install 100-watt light bulb
Keep area clean/uncluttered
Hang up/put away tools
Clear away any cobwebs
Remove oil/paint stains from floor
Adjust tension rod to eliminate sag from overhead garage door
Lubricate/adjust/repair garage door opener
Paint if needed
✓ LAUNDRY AREA
Clean out area behind washer/dryer
Eliminate any mildew odors
✓ BASEMENT
Eliminate any signs of dampness
Check for and eliminate cracks
✓ HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING UNIT
Vacuum
Replace filter
Clean intake vent
Remove any stored items

- ✓ Make sure the temperature in your home is comfortable – keep it cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. If it's cooler outside and you have a fireplace, a nice fire will make your home seem cozy and inviting.
- ✓ Provide an exhaustive written list of the features of your home.
- ✓ Know the distance to schools and shopping centers.
- ✓ Refer any prospect that calls or comes by to your broker for pre-screening and pre-qualification as well as for your own safety.
- ✓ Tell your real estate agent all about the home-good and bad. Let the professional decide how to handle negatives and features or highlight the positives.



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