

CHECKLIST

Key Items Before Listing Your House



INTERIOR CLEANING

- Launder curtains
- Interior Doors
- Deep clean bathrooms and kitchen
- Wash walls
- Wash baseboards (use a magic eraser this)
- Launder all sheets and bed linens
- Dust art and shelving
- Wash range hood
- Wash Fridge and Freezer inside and out
- Wash Window Ledges
- Dust all lighting
- Have carpets professionally cleaned
- Dust and wash all vent covers and air returns
- Wash all windows inside and out.
- Wash down kitchen cabinets
- Doorknobs
- Switch plates (remove fingerprints)

INTERIOR TASKS

- Make sure all bulbs work and replace them where needed (same kind/color).
- Replace Air filters.
- Remove large family portraits on the walls.
- If there's a dark corner or long hall, a mirror hung will help bounce light around and make the area feel larger.
- Lamps will help a room feel cozier! Before a showing, turn on EVERY light and lamp in the house.

PATCH / PAINT / CAULK

- If there are any cracks in the baseboards, re-caulk and touch up paint (fresh baseboards will make everything look cleaner).
- Remove any spare nails/screws in walls, patch and paint
- Re-caulk countertops as needed.
- Caulk built-in cabinetry (if needed).
- Touch up interior doors.
- Touch up ceiling paint.
- Give your bathroom sinks and bathtub fresh caulk.
- If the wood under your sinks has stains, paint them.

DECLUTTER

- Bookcases so there's breathing room. Eliminate small knick-knacks and focus on larger décor pieces and books.
- Clothes Closets. Remove clothing that no longer fits, you longer love, or are worn out, and donate. If closets still look overstuffed, pack away seasonal clothes in storage bins so closets appear more spacious.
- Organize and declutter pantry and fridge/freezer. Toss old food.
- Coat Closet. Weed out unnecessary items. Donate outerwear and bags to make the closet appear more spacious.
- Declutter storage areas and closets. Just because you can (and do) pack it full, potential buyers will want to see how much space is available. If it's a storage area with shelves, be sure there is nothing left on the floor (that could signify there's not enough shelf space. If it's an open closet (like under the stairs)—shoot for half-empty.
- Furnace room.
- Linen Closet.
- Declutter Playroom. Pack away large toys that are normally left out. Bag up stuffed animals and any toys that do not fit into a designated toy closet or storage system. This is a great time to purge toys.
- Declutter surfaces. Counters. Dressers. Minimal is best.
- All Floor space—No excessive baskets, toys, books, hampers, or clutter.

EXTERIOR CLEANING

- Clean out window wells.
- Wash windows and screens.
- Pressure wash deck/patio.
- Pressure wash garage.
- Blow the driveway
- Blow the roof /gutters from debris
- Lay a fresh doormat.
- Weed garden beds.
- Lay fresh mulch in garden beds.
- Fresh flowers for planters.

