

How to Get Your Home Ready for Sale

✓	EXTERIOR Replace, Repair and/or Paint
	Plaster
	Wood siding
	Trim
	Rain gutters
	Shutters
	Doors
	Window frames
	Glazing
	Screens
	Hardware
	Fences/gates
	Outdoor lighting
✓	CLEAN/WASH
	Siding
	Windows
	Screen
	Outdoor BBQ
	AC Unit
	Pool/Spa
✓	PUT 100-WATT LIGHT BULBS IN:
	Porch Lights
	Carport
	Garage
	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 septic tank is odor free
✓	CLOSETS
	Keep closets clean and free of clutter
	Throw out or pack away nonessentials
	Adjust/repair sliding doors
	Lubricate sliding door hardware
✓	YARD
	Mow/edge lawn regularly
	Aerate/feed lawn
	Over seed bare spots on lawn

	Water lawn regularly
	Remove/replace dead plants
	Prune overgrown/diseased/damage 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
✓	REPLACE OR REMOVE BROKEN OR DAMAGED LANDSCAPE ACCESSORIES SUCH AS:
	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
✓	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 all 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 waste baskets empty and clean
	Clean out cabinets and remove nonessentials
	Keep fresh, clean towels on towel rack
	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 and replace if broken or noisy
✓	GARAGE/CARPORT/SHED
	Install 100-watt light bulb
	Keep are clean/uncluttered
	Hang up/put away tools
	Clear away any cobwebs
	Remove oil/paint stains from floor
	Lubricate all rollers/hinges/latches and inspect and repair your garage door if needed
	Paint if needed
	LAUNDRY AREA
	Clean out area behind machines
	Keep laundry out of sight

	Eliminate any mildew or mold that may be present
✓	BASEMENT
	Eliminate any debris and clutter
	Clean water heater
	Organize and create more floor space by hanging tools and placing items on shelves
	Change furnace filter
	Make inspection access easy
	Clean and paint walls if necessary
	Provide good lighting
✓	HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING
	Vacuum area around units
	Replace filters
	Clean area around units



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