



Before You List Your House Checklist

Clean

- ___ Deep clean bathrooms and kitchen.
- ___ Steam clean carpets and polish hardwoods.
- ___ Dust art and shelving.
- ___ Wash windows inside and out, including sills.
- ___ Dust blinds and launder curtains.
- ___ Clean baseboards.
- ___ Remove scuffs from interior doors and walls.
- ___ Remove fingerprints from all appliances.
- ___ Clean refrigerator and freezer.
- ___ Wipe down kitchen cabinets.
- ___ Dust lighting fixtures, removing any insects.
- ___ Dust vent covers and air returns.
- ___ Remove fingerprints and smudges from switch plates.
- ___ Make beds. Replace dated or worn bedding.

Projects

- ___ Make sure all light bulbs, including those in lamps, work. Replace as necessary. All bulbs should be the same color temperature. Turn on *all* lights before showings.
- ___ Likewise, make sure all window blinds and/or shutters function properly and open them all for showings - especially if you have nice views.
- ___ Depersonalize your decor. This includes removing family portraits on walls and surfaces. Be sure to replace wall hangings with artwork or a mirror. Remove children's artwork or schoolwork from your refrigerator.
- ___ Put away any military, religious, political, sports team, etc. objects. Remember, you want to be as neutral as possible to appeal to as many as possible.
- ___ Eliminate all signs of pets, including beds, food and water bowls, toys, crates, containers of food, and especially litter boxes. If your home has pet odors (ask a friend; you may not notice), be sure to clean and deodorize. Under *no* circumstances should your pet be home during showings.
- ___ Repair any holes or cracks in your walls. Touch up paint as necessary. Consider repainting accent walls or bold colors.
- ___ Clean kitchen and bath tile. Recaulk or regrout if any is moldy, mildewy, or in need of repair.

Declutter

- ___ **Countertops:** clear *everything* from kitchen and bathroom surfaces. Buyers don't want to see your personal hygiene items!
- ___ **Surfaces:** the same goes for dressers, nightstands, tables, islands, and desks.
- ___ **Bookcases and shelves:** eliminate small items and focus on larger pieces and books.
- ___ **Closets:** pack away (or donate!) clothes, shoes, accessories, etc. until the space is sparse. You don't want to appear not to have enough storage space.
- ___ **Kitchen:** organize and declutter refrigerator, freezer, pantry, and kitchen cabinets. Buyers will look inside!
- ___ **Electronics:** hide away remote controls and chargers. Tidy up wires and extension cords.
- ___ **Linen closet:** neatly fold and organize all items.
- ___ **Toys:** not all potential buyers will have children, so remove any signs in living areas. Neatly store anything in kids' bedrooms.
- ___ **Floors:** remove boxes, bins, baskets, toys, decorative items, and especially storage leftovers.

Exterior

- ___ Mow lawn, edge driveway and walkways.
- ___ Pressure wash home, driveway, porches, and patios.
- ___ Blow off driveway, decks, roof, and any other area with leaves or debris.
- ___ Wash windows and screens.
- ___ Remove any weeds.
- ___ Lay fresh mulch.
- ___ Add colorful flowers and plants.
- ___ Be sure your welcome mat is in good shape.
- ___ Put trash cans and recycling bins out of sight.
- ___ Remove any seasonal decorations.



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