

Before You List Your House

Be show-ready but livable!

INTERIOR

clean

- __ Launder all sheets & bed linens, curtains
- __ Interior Doors, walls, and baseboards (magic eraser is the best to use for this!)
- __ Deep clean bathrooms & Kitchen
- __ Wash down kitchen cabinets
- __ Wash range hood
- __ Wash fridge & freezer inside & out
- __ Wash window ledges
- __ Wash all windows inside and out
- __ Wipe down switch plates (light switches)
- __ Dust art and shelving
- __ Dust all lighting & fan blades
- __ Dust and wash all vent covers and air returns
- __ Clean doorknobs
- __ Have carpets professionally cleaned

tasks

- __ Make sure all bulbs work and replace where needed - they should also all be the same light color
- __ Replace air filters - this will significantly cut down on the dust in your home too!
- __ Remove large family photos on walls and throughout the home. You can leave the wall bare or replace it with art.
- __ Before showings, turn on EVERY light and lamp in the house. Lamps will help a room feel cozier.

declutter / pre-pack

- __ Bookcases, dressers, and counter spaces - eliminate small knick-knacks and focus on large decor pieces. Less is more!
- __ Clothes closets - remove clothing that no longer fits, you no longer love, or is 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 out old food.
- __ Storage areas and linen closets - buyers want to see potential storage so they will want to see how much space is available. Be sure there is nothing left on the floors of the closet.
- __ Playroom - pack away large toys or use this as an opportunity to purge toys
- __ Minimize items on the floor

patch / paint / caulk

- *Prior to any touch-up painting, ensure paint blends well!
- __ If there are any cracks in the baseboards, re-caulk and touch up paint (fresh baseboards make everything look cleaner!)
- __ Remove spare nails/screws in walls, patch, and paint
- __ Re-caulk countertops (if needed)
- __ Caulk built-in cabinetry (if needed)
- __ Touch-up interior doors (magic eraser is the best to use for this!)
- __ Touch-up ceiling paint

EXTERIOR

- __ Clean out window wells free of debris and cobwebs
- __ Wash windows and screens
- __ Pressure wash the entire exterior
- __ Lay fresh doormats
- __ Weed garden beds
- __ Lay fresh mulch in garden beds
- __ Fresh flowers for planters

