



Make sure your house is market ready! Follow the checklist below to boost curb appeal & maximize your profit when selling your home.

Driveway, Paths, Fences, Walls

- Inspect walkways and driveways for cracks, heaves, settling, and broken pavers
- Inspect mailbox and post
- Check retaining walls for cracks, leaning
- Inspect fence for rot/rust, repairs, fading, animals tunneling under
- Adjust fence gates for proper latching
- Sweep common areas, sidewalk, along curb

Yard

- Pick up branches, rake leaves
- Aerate and fertilize lawn
- Remove dead plants from flower plant beds
- Mulch plants beds to protect perennials
- Prune trees and bushes, especially against house, ones that could be weighted down with snow/ice
- Inspect gazebo, arbor, trellis for rot, cracks, leveling, fading
- Inspect shed structure interior, exterior, roof for damage
- Clean out storm drains, catch basins of debris & vegetation
- Check for proper drainage and water flow away from house or garage
- Turn over and compost garden
- Plant bulbs, divide perennials
- Protect cold-sensitive plants
- Empty flower pots/containers, clean and put away

Deck, Porch, Patio

- Inspect deck/porch railings and stairs for loose rail, cracks, splits, rot/rust
- Check deck/porch floors for cracks, rot, popped nails/screws, loose boards
- Power wash and stain/seal deck surfaces
- Check patio slab for cracks, heaves
- Clean cobwebs from porch and entry light fixtures
- Close pool (cover/drain/take down)

House Exterior & Garage

- Clean gutters & downspouts, check seams & connections for leaks
- Examine roof, soffits, eaves for damage
- Examine siding/trim for damage or peeling paint
- Wash siding, remove mildew
- Examine brick/stucco exterior for cracks, loose mortar
- Examine chimney for cracks, loose mortar, white powder
- Have chimney professionally cleaned
- Spray perimeter for pest control
- Inspect garage door operation
- Sweep out the garage
- Clean car inside and out and keep an umbrella and ice scraper handy

Kitchen & Laundry

- Clean oven, stove, microwave, dishwasher
- Clean coffee maker, toaster, blender, etc.
- Empty out and clean inside refrigerator & freezer/defrost freezer
- Clean refrigerator/freezer exterior, plus under, behind & beside, including the coils
- Wash kitchen cabinets (inside & out, top), backsplash
- Wash pantry/cabinet shelves, discard expired food, rotate items based on date
- Clean grease from range hood and vents
- Wash all utensils that sit out on counter
- Scrub tile floor grout, and along baseboards and cabinet kickboards
- Clean out spice rack
- Clean out and organize storage containers & lids
- Polish fixtures, stainless appliances
- Clean laundry area of lint and soap spills
- Clean front-load washing machine

Bedrooms

- Wash all bedding including pillows
- Clean under bed (move bed if possible)
- Turn mattress
- Clean off-season clothes, put in storage
- Gather non-washables for dry cleaners
- Go through drawers for clothes to fix, alter, toss, sell, save for later, or donate
- Go through closet for clothes and shoes to fix, save for later, toss, sell, store, or donate
- Go through jewelry box for items to fix, toss, upcycle, sell, or donate

Bathrooms & Linen Closet

- Give toilet **thorough** cleaning (around & behind)
- Scrub tile floor grout, and along baseboards & cabinet kickboards
- Clean out medicine cabinet and drawers, discarding expired medicine & makeup
- Clean vents/fans
- Make shopping list for medicine & first aid supplies
- Replace toothbrushes
- Wash hair brushes, makeup brushes
- Polish fixtures
- Reorganize linen closet
- Rewash towels & linens if musty
- Scrub tub, shower, shower door
- Clean or replace shower curtain

Selling Your Home Checklist



Office

- Wipe down electronics (keyboard, mouse, remotes, phones, tablets)
- Vacuum or blow out dust inside CPU box & keyboard
- Clean out files in office/desk, sort/file papers
- Clean out unwanted emails & files
- Perform computer maintenance & backups
- Organize printed and electronic photos & videos
- Update home inventory for insurance
- Review and update insurance coverage

Room/Area: _____

- Take down and wash or dry clean draperies
- Wash window blinds/shades
- Clean valances (vacuum fabric, dust top)
- Wash window glass, sill (in and out), frame
- Dust tops of window and door trim
- Remove cobwebs from corners and ceiling
- Wash baseboards, doors (especially in grab zone), and walls, touch up paint if necessary
- Move furniture to clean under and behind
- If carpeting, use vacuum crevice tool against baseboards
- Deep clean (shampoo) carpeting, bring area rugs to cleaners
- Dry mop then wash hard flooring
- Wax/polish hardwood floor
- Clean light switches and cover plates
- Clean/polish door hardware (knobs, hinges)
- Dust lamp, knickknacks, electronics
- Dust or vacuum air vents
- Dust ceiling fan/ceiling light fixtures
- Remove items and clean closet floors
- Vacuum furniture and decorative pillows
- Wash slipcovers, pillow covers, throws
- Dust frames and glass or wall hangings
- Remove items from all surfaces, dust & polish
- Decide what you really want to put back
- Go through toys, games, stuffed animals to see what to fix, toss, sell, store, or donate
- Wash any glassware on display (bar, hutch)

Windows and Doors

- Clean and store window & door screens
- Clean and install storm windows/doors
- Clean exteriors of windows/doors
- Clean interiors of windows/doors, including sill, frame, trim
- Test and adjust door closers
- Clean sliding patio door tracks
- Check window and door seals, weather stripping, thresholds
- Check caulking/flashing around doors, windows, skylights, joints
- Clean welcome mat

Exterior Equipment

- Clean A/C condenser unit of leaves and debris and cover
- Clean and store or cover outdoor furniture
- Turn off outside spigots (inside & out), and cover if necessary
- Turn off and drain sprinkler system
- Clean and put away lawn mower, trimmer, garden tools
- Clean and put away or cover grill
- Disconnect/confirm shut-off of propane
- Disconnect hoses, drain, and store
- Clean and inspect outdoor lighting
- Adjust outdoor lighting timers
- Clean trash and recycling bins
- Test generator

General Interior, Basement, Utility Areas

- Have furnace cleaned and inspected
- Replace furnace filter
- Inspect and start humidifier
- Test and inspect sump pump
- Close crawl space vents
- Switch forced air vents to winter mode
- Check basement for wet areas and check for rot, mold, insects, rodents
- Inspect/treat for pests in attic, basement, kitchen, pantry
- Check for water stains/damage, mold, insects or rodents in attic
- Inspect water heater for leaks, corrosion
- Drain and refill hot water tank
- Inspect water softener, whole-house filters
- Examine washing machine hoses and connections for cracks, leaks
- Clean dryer exhaust vent
- Check fire extinguishers are fully charged
- Replace batteries in smoke/CO alarms
- Look for wetness under sinks, around tub/shower, dishwasher indicating leaks
- Remove window air conditioners

Ready for the next step?

I'm here to help!

Just give me a holler and I'll guide you through the process.



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