

HOME SALE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

CLEANING

- Remove clutter: picture frames, papers, accessories, books, magazines, electronics, toys, etc.
- Scrub all surfaces.
- The home should be free of all smells including animals, food and cigarette smoke.
- Clean the baseboards in the entire house- this is where most dust and dirt collects.
- Clean window sills inside and out.
- Don't neglect closets, keep them tidy and clean.
- Clean all light fixtures and ceiling fans.
- Shampoo carpets or have them professionally cleaned. Consider replacing if it is too worn.
- Hardwoods should be mopped & oiled or waxed to give them new life and shine.
- Clean large appliances inside, out and under.
- Keep the bed linens clean and the beds made.
- Remove any caked on or peeling paint throughout house.
- Clean off shelves and display just a few purposeful objects.
- Clean and tidy inside kitchen and bathroom doors.
- Remove personal items, like photos, kids drawings, notes, etc.

EXTERIOR

- Repaint exterior in the presence of chipping or peeling paint.
- Repaint fences if necessary.
- Mow lawn.
- Plant seasonal plants and pull weeds.
- Remove dead plants, leaves and branches from yard.