

A Room-By-Room Checklist To Preparing Your Home For Sale

General Tips

- ◇ Wash all of your windows, inside and out, including screens
- ◇ Paint brightly-colored or dingy walls in an inviting neutral color
- ◇ Get rid of or put extra belonging in storage
- ◇ Keep your grass cut and tend to your plants



Consider laying out a new welcome mat and flowers at your front door

Kitchen

- ◇ Remove clutter from countertops
- ◇ Perform a deep clean on your floors (including baseboards)
- ◇ Organize your spices and other cupboard contents;
- ◇ Wipe down cupboard shelves and replace any grimy interior lining
- ◇ Test burners and stove lights/fans above your stove (buyers sometimes check them)
- ◇ Wipe down your stovetop including all dials and knobs
- ◇ Polish stainless steel appliances
- ◇ Replace leaky or outdated faucet and fixtures
- ◇ Clean your sink (baking soda works well on stainless steel)



Avoid cooking food with strong odors around viewing times

Bedrooms

- ◇ Replace any linens or curtains that aren't in pristine condition
- ◇ Organize the contents of your closets (shelf organizers & storage containers can help)
- ◇ Clean distracting clutter off of dressers and bedside tables
- ◇ Add inviting elements, such as a throw pillow or an antique clock



As much as possible, stick to a neutral color scheme with removable pops of color in accent pieces

Bathrooms

- ◇ Ensure your toilet is clean
- ◇ Contact a plumber if it's not in good working order
- ◇ Clean your bathroom sink and remove stains
- ◇ Replace leaky or worn taps
- ◇ Re-grout dingy shower tile
- ◇ Scour grimy shower doors
- ◇ Replace leaky shower heads
- ◇ Clear off countertops and organize cabinets
- ◇ Remove unsightly cleaning products
- ◇ Before showing, hang clean towels in neutral colors
- ◇ Consider adding decorative elements such as bath oils or loofahs



Consider hiring professional cleaners to make your bathrooms sparkle

Living Room

- ◇ For hardwood floors, consider removing damaged boards and restraining the wood
- ◇ Replace outdated or faded carpeting (or perform a deep clean on carpets)
- ◇ Repair damaged drywall and patch holes where paintings used to hang
- ◇ Consider removing family photos and highly-personal items
- ◇ Declutter shelves



Use items such as books, sculptures, and other decorative elements sparingly or in groups of 3



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