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- Replace leaky or outdated faucet and fixtures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)

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Avoid cooking food with strong odors around viewing times

Bedrooms

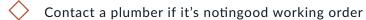
- Replace any linens or curtains that aren't in pristine condition
- Organize the contents of your closets (shelf organizers & storage containers can help)
- Clean distracting clutter off of dressers and bedside tables
- Add inviting elements, such as a throw pillow or an antique clock



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

Bathrooms





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 vour 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Replace outdated or faded carpeting (or perform a deep clean on carpets)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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