

GETTING YOUR HOME READY TO LIST

Use this checklist to prepare your home before we put it on the market. A well-prepared home shows better, photographs better, and sells faster.

- ❑ **Go room by room and remove anything you do not use regularly**
- ❑ **Clear countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms — less is more**
- ❑ **Pack away personal photos, collections, and highly personal decor**
- ❑ **Organize closets and storage areas — buyers will open everything**
- ❑ **Donate, sell, or store items you do not need before moving**
- ❑ **Remove excess furniture to make rooms feel larger and more open**
- ❑ **Deep clean the entire home one to two days before listing photos**
- ❑ **Wash windows inside and out**
- ❑ **Steam clean carpets or have them professionally cleaned**
- ❑ **Scrub grout, caulk, and tile in bathrooms and kitchen**
- ❑ **Eliminate any odors — pets, smoke, or mustiness are red flags for buyers**
- ❑ **Touch up paint on walls, trim, and doors**
- ❑ **Fix any leaky faucets, running toilets, or dripping fixtures**
- ❑ **Replace burned out light bulbs and make sure all switches work**
- ❑ **Repair any visible damage — holes in walls, cracked tiles, broken hardware**
- ❑ **Lubricate squeaky doors and sticky locks**
- ❑ **Check that all windows and doors open, close, and lock properly**
- ❑ **Mow the lawn, edge the walkways, and trim overgrown bushes**
- ❑ **Add fresh mulch to flower beds if needed**
- ❑ **Plant seasonal flowers or add potted plants near the entry**
- ❑ **Power wash the driveway, sidewalk, and exterior if needed**
- ❑ **Clean gutters and check the roof for visible issues**
- ❑ **Paint or touch up the front door — it is the first thing buyers see**
- ❑ **Make sure the house numbers are clearly visible**

My tip: I will walk through your home with you before we list and tell you exactly where to focus your time and energy.



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