

# Prepare Your Home for Market Checklist

## Living/Family Rooms

*Clean, Repair, Repaint, or Replace:*

- Doors and doorknobs.
- Windows and windowsills.
- Light fixtures, bulbs, and switch covers.
- Outlets and outlet covers.
- Walls, baseboards, and trim.
- Carpet, rugs, hardwood, and tile.
- Blinds and curtains.
- Air vents and filters.
- Counter tops and shelves.
- Ceiling fans.
- Dust everything.
- Fireplace and mantel.

*Create a Welcoming Atmosphere:*

- Declutter: personal items, family photos, toys, books, magazines, and small appliances/electronics, etc.
- Minimize furniture.
- Rearrange furniture to maximize space.
- Maximize natural light.
- Deodorize room.
- Remove unnecessary items from surfaces.
- Remove unnecessary items on walls.
- Reduce or add house plants - if necessary.

## Dining Room

*Clean, Repair, Repaint, or Replace:*

- Doors and doorknobs.
- Windows and windowsills.
- Light fixtures, bulbs, and switch covers.
- Outlets and outlet covers.
- Walls, baseboards, and trim.
- Carpet, hardwood, and tile.
- Blinds and curtains.
- Air vents and filters.
- Counter tops and shelves.
- Dust everything.

*Create a Welcoming Atmosphere:*

- Declutter: personal items, family photos, toys books, magazines, and small appliances/electronics, etc.
- Minimize furniture.
- Rearrange furniture to maximize space.
- Maximize natural light.
- Deodorize room.
- Remove unnecessary items from surfaces and walls.
- Reduce or add house plants - if necessary.

## Kitchen

*Clean, Repair, Repaint, or Replace:*

- Doors and doorknobs.
- Windows and windowsills.
- Light fixtures, bulbs, and switch covers.
- Outlets and outlet covers.
- Walls, baseboards, and trim.
- Carpet, hardwood, and tile.
- Blinds and curtains.
- Air vents and filters.
- Counter tops and shelves.
- Dust everything.
- Inside and outside of appliances.
- Inside and outside of cabinets.
- Inside and outside of drawers.
- Sink, faucet, and garbage disposal.
- Tile grout.

*Create a Welcoming Atmosphere:*

- Declutter: personal items, family photos, toys, books, magazines, and small appliances/electronics, etc.
- Minimize furniture.
- Rearrange furniture to maximize space.
- Maximize natural light.
- Deodorize room.
- Remove unnecessary items from surfaces.
- Remove unnecessary items on walls.
- Reduce or add house plants - if necessary.
- Organize pantry.
- Minimize dishes, utensils, and cooking supplies.
- Remove any magnets on your refrigerator.
- Empty garbage before showings.
- Store pet dishes before showings.

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## Bedrooms

*Clean, Repair, Repaint, or Replace:*

- Doors and doorknobs.
- Windows and windowsills.
- Light fixtures, bulbs, and switch covers.
- Outlets and outlet covers.
- Walls, baseboards, and trim.
- Carpet, hardwood, and tile.
- Blinds and curtains.
- Air vents and filters.
- Counter tops and shelves.
- Ceiling fans.
- Dust everything.

*Create a Welcoming Atmosphere:*

- Declutter: personal items, family photos, toys, books, magazines, and small appliances/electronics, etc.
- Minimize furniture.
- Rearrange furniture to maximize space.
- Maximize natural light.
- Deodorize room.
- Remove unnecessary items from surfaces.
- Remove unnecessary items on walls.
- Reduce or add house plants - if necessary.
- Make your beds.

## Bathrooms

*Clean, Repair, Repaint, or Replace:*

- Doors and doorknobs.
- Windows and windowsills.
- Light fixtures, bulbs, and switch covers.
- Outlets and outlet covers.
- Walls, baseboards, and trim.
- Carpet, hardwood, and tile.
- Blinds and curtains.
- Air vents and filters.
- Counter tops and shelves.
- Dust everything.
- Inside and outside of cabinets.
- Inside and outside of drawers.
- Sink and faucet.
- Tile grout.
- Mirrors.
- Bath and shower.
- Bathroom mats and towels.
- Toilet.

*Create a Welcoming Atmosphere:*

- Declutter: personal items, family photos, toys, books, magazines, and small appliances/electronics, etc.
- Minimize furniture.
- Rearrange furniture to maximize space.
- Maximize natural light.
- Deodorize room.
- Remove unnecessary items from surfaces.
- Remove unnecessary items on walls.
- Reduce or add house plants - if necessary.
- Invest in new towels - if necessary.
- Invest in new bathroom mats - if necessary.
- Invest in new shower curtain - if necessary.
- Remove all shower/bath products before showings.
- Store medication before showings.

## Closets

*Clean, Repair, Repaint, or Replace:*

- Doors and doorknobs.
- Light fixtures, bulbs, and switch covers.
- Walls, baseboards, and trim.
- Carpet, hardwood, and tile.
- Dust everything.
- Shelves
- Closet rod.
- Closet door hangers.

*Create a Welcoming Atmosphere:*

- Declutter: personal items, family photos, toys, books, magazines, and small appliances/electronics, etc.
- Deodorize room.
- Remove unnecessary items from shelves.
- Remove unnecessary items on walls.
- Organize closet.

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## Garage

*Clean, Repair, Repaint, or Replace:*

- Doors and doorknobs.
- Windows and windowsills.
- Light fixtures, bulbs, and switch covers.
- Outlets and outlet covers.
- Walls, baseboards, and trim.
- Counter tops, shelves, and racks.
- Blinds.
- Dust everything.
- Stairs.
- Garage door and switch.
- Sweep the floor.
- Power wash stains out of cement floor.

*Create a Welcoming Atmosphere:*

- Declutter: personal items, family photos, toys, books, magazines, and small appliances/electronics, etc.
- Deodorize room.
- Remove unnecessary items from shelves.
- Remove unnecessary items on walls.
- Organize tools, equipment, and storage.
- Move nonessential items to off-site storage.
- Move cars off-site before showings.

## House - External

*Clean, Repair, Repaint, or Replace:*

- Doors (Front, side, back), doorknobs, and screens.
- Windows, window screens, and shutters.
- Light fixtures, bulbs, and switch covers.
- Outlets and outlet covers.
- Walls and trim.
- Gutters and downspouts.
- Replace warped and rotten wood.
- Repair cracks on walls, walkways, and driveway.
- Remove debris from all walkways, driveways, porches, patios, decks, and stairs.
- Pressure wash cement, brick, stone, and wood to remove heavy dirt and stains.
- Restain wood - patio, deck, and railing.
- Repair roof - if necessary.

*Create a Welcoming Atmosphere:*

- Declutter the perimeter and throw away trash.
- Critique your home's exterior - get a second opinion from a friend or neighbor.
- Show use of space by placing outdoor furniture on patio and in the backyard.
- Organize tools, equipment, and storage.
- Replace mailbox - if necessary.
- Replace welcome mat - if necessary.
- Replace address numbers - if necessary.

## Front and Backyard

*Create a Welcoming Atmosphere:*

- Mow, weed, fertilize, and water the lawn.
- Rake leaves and remove dead foliage.
- Trim foliage (bushes, shrubs, and trees)
- Repair or replace any broken planters.
- Clean up pet droppings
- Store yard and landscaping equipment.
- Repair or replace light fixtures, lamps, etc.
- Clean pool and jacuzzi.
- Plant new flowers, shrubs, and trees - if necessary.
- Repair irrigation system - if necessary.