

## Is your home ready? A checklist.

To get the best return on your home, you need to make your home look its best. Here's the checklist that will help you do it.

### Inside Your Home

#### Floor Coverings

##### (carpeting, tile, linoleum, hardwood, etc.)

- Dirt or stains?
- Excessive wear or damage?
- Area rugs clean and stain-free?

#### Walls and ceilings

- Dirt, fingerprints or other stains?
- Nail or thumb-crack holes, tape residue?
- Cracks, chips, water damage?
- Need for repainting or new wallpaper?
- Neutral, light colours for roomy, environment?

#### Doors

- Dirt, fingerprints or other stains?
- Need new paint?
- Open/close easily without squeaks?
- Latches/handles secure and working properly?

#### Windows

- Glass sparkling clean; chip and crack free?
- Open/close easily?
- Latches/handles/locks secure, working properly?
- Dirt and fingerprints on frames or sills?
- Screens clean and without holes?
- Storm windows in good condition?

#### Window coverings (curtains, drapes, blinds, etc.)

- Dirt or stains?
- Excessive wear or sun damage?
- Open/close easily; hardware working properly?

#### Lighting

##### (lighting makes a room feel more inviting)

- All bulbs working and proper wattage?
- Broken switches, exposed wiring?
- Table and floor lamps working properly?

#### Pet areas

- Clean, organized, odour-free?

#### Entryways and hallways

- Clean and free of clutter or obstructions?
- Welcome mat(s) clean and inviting?

#### Closets and storage areas

- Clean and well organized?
- Clutter and excess junk removed?
- Clothes hung neatly and not jammed together?
- Shoes and boots neatly stored/stacked?

#### Kitchen

- Every surface sparkling clean?
- Counter-tops organized, all but daily use appliances?
- Refrigerator spotless inside and out?
- Organized? Spoiled food discarded?
- Frost removed? Light bulbs working? (Buyers look!)
- Oven/stove-top clean? Burner trays cleaned?
- Sinks clean; faucets working properly and leak-free?
- Garbage disposal in good working condition?
- Cupboards/pantry spotless, organized?
- Dishwasher clean and stain-free?

#### Living room, dining room, bedrooms, den and study

- Everything thoroughly vacuumed/dusted?
- Excess furniture removed for roomier atmosphere?
- Remaining furniture clean and in good repair?
- Wood and other surfaces clean and polished?

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