

# **Preparing Your Home .....Through the Eyes of a Buyer**

**The effort put into repairing and cleaning your property is likely to be returned in a fast sale at an attractive price.**

- As buyers approach your property the first time, impressions are formed quickly.
- Paint house-This can do more for sales appeal than any other factor.
- Yard-Remove all toys, garbage, garden tools and other items from view.
- Mow lawn and keep edged.
- Close garage doors.
- Put colorful flowers in front of house.

**Often, while waiting to be let in, the first thing a buyer looks at closely is the front door.**

- Put new paint on the front door.
- Buy a new door mat.
- Ensure that there is plenty of lighting.
- Sweep or vaccum floor.
- Stack items neatly against walls.

**The kitchen is often the most important room in the house.**

**Make it bright and attractive.**

- Put a vase of fresh flowers on the table.
- Replace curtains or clean existing ones.
- Remove appliances from counters.
- Create a pleasant fragrance in the kitchen  
(i.e. vanilla, cinnamon).

**It is important that bathrooms are clean, bright and smell fresh.**

- Install a new shower curtain and replace worn throw rugs.
- Polish all fixtures.
- Open windows.
- Hang bright, fresh towels.
- Use air freshener.
- Display colorful soaps.

**The Living Room.**

- Clean out the fireplace and place logs in it.
- Polish all woodwork.
- Put big furniture in storage so rooms are not cluttered or crowded.



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# Repair & Cleaning Checklist

## Front Door:

- Newly painted
- Doorbell operating
- Door brass polished
- Hinges oiled

## Exterior of House:

- House recently painted
- Doorbell operating
- Gutters recently cleaned
- Exterior lights operating
- Missing shingles replaced
- Leaves removed from roof

## Windows:

- Window trims painted
- Windows operating freely
- Cracked windowpanes replaced
- Windows washed

## Driveway:

- Resurfaced
- Potholes patched
- Recently sealed

## Patios:

- Wood stained or painted
- Fencing secure

## Lawn:

- Lawn in good condition
- Grass mowed
- Edges trimmed

## Trees/Shrubs:

- Dead branches pruned
- Dead shrubs replaced
- Overgrown shrubs pruned

## Living Room:

- Recently painted
- Cracks in ceiling/walls repaired
- Leaks repaired & watermarks covered
- Wallpaper secured
- Woodwork repainted
- Curtains/drapes/blinds cleaned
- Drapes/blinds opened
- Carpets cleaned
- Furniture positioned to show space

**Kitchen:**

- ❑ Sink free of stains
- ❑ No dripping faucets
- ❑ Appliances in good working order
- ❑ Walls, cabinets free of stains
- ❑ Countertops cleared and cleaned
- ❑ Pantry neatly arranged
- ❑ Pantry hardware replaced
- ❑ Refrigerator defrosted

**Family Room:**

- ❑ Cracks in ceiling/walls repaired
- ❑ Leaks repaired & watermarks covered
- ❑ Wallpaper secured
- ❑ Woodwork repainted
- ❑ Windows washed
- ❑ Curtains/drapes/blinds cleaned
- ❑ Windows operating freely
- ❑ Drapes/blinds opened
- ❑ Carpets cleaned
- ❑ Hobby supplies put away

**Bedrooms:**

- ❑ Cracks in ceiling/walls repaired
- ❑ Leaks repaired & watermarks covered
- ❑ Wallpaper secured
- ❑ Woodwork repaired
- ❑ Windows washed
- ❑ Curtains/drapes/blinds cleaned
- ❑ Floor waxed/refinished & grout cleaned
- ❑ Carpets cleaned
- ❑ Beds made
- ❑ Laundry put away
- ❑ Floor free from clutter

**Dining Room:**

- ❑ Cracks in ceiling/walls repaired
- ❑ Leaks repaired & watermarks covered
- ❑ Wallpaper secured
- ❑ Woodwork repainted
- ❑ Windows washed
- ❑ Drapes/blinds opened
- ❑ Floor waxed/refinished
- ❑ Carpets cleaned

**Entry:**

- ❑ Entry lights operating
- ❑ Floors cleaned
- ❑ Closet cleaned
- ❑ Closet light operating

**Bathrooms:**

- ❑ Sink stains removed
- ❑ Leaky faucets repaired
- ❑ Grouting stains removed
- ❑ All joints caulked
- ❑ Missing tiles replaced
- ❑ All fixtures operating
- ❑ Floors cleaned
- ❑ New shower curtain
- ❑ All supplies stored
- ❑ Guest towels



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