

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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