

PRESENT YOUR HOME IN ITS BEST CONDITION

LIVING AREAS

- ✚ Clear table surfaces and bookshelves; keep orderly and dust free.
- ✚ Professionally clean carpets; sweep and clean other flooring.
- ✚ Rearrange furniture to create more open space. You don't need to have your furniture 'hug' the walls.
- ✚ Reduce the number of family photos hanging on walls or on surfaces.
- ✚ Repair creaks in the floor; lubricate squeaky hinges.
- ✚ Replace burned out light bulbs; replace broken glass.
- ✚ Wash windows inside and out; repair screens if needed.
- ✚ Freshly paint as necessary, preferably in neutral colors.
- ✚ Clean out the fireplace (wood burning). Laying a few logs is inviting.
- ✚ Check ceilings for leak stains; clean, repair and repaint. (Determine the source of the leak and fix it.)

KITCHEN

- ✚ Clear countertops from unnecessary objects to make room look larger.
- ✚ Clean appliances and ensure they are in good working condition.
- ✚ Consider new paint, and replace flooring if yellowed or in poor condition.
- ✚ Clean thoroughly to remove odors (including disposer and trash cans).
- ✚ Clean, paint, or re-stain cabinets. Clean windows and window coverings.
- ✚ Remove personal notes and excess photos from the refrigerator.

BATHROOMS

- ✚ Hang fresh towels.
- ✚ Use a light fragrance deodorizer.
- ✚ Keep sinks and mirrors clean and polished.
- ✚ Replace caulking as needed and clean tiles clean.
- ✚ Repair faucets that drip or pipes with leaks, and unclog any plugged drains.
- ✚ Keep toilets flushed and lids closed.

BEDROOMS / OTHER AREAS

- ✚ Keep beds made, clothing hung up or in dresser drawers.
- ✚ Keep personal items (jewelry, keys, medicines) safely stored and out of view.
- ✚ Window coverings should be in good condition (dusted or freshly cleaned).
- ✚ Lighting fixtures should be free of dust and cobwebs.
- ✚ Treat the basement as you would main floor, especially if it boasts a family room, bedrooms and/or bathrooms. Keep laundry areas clean, minimize baskets of piled laundry.
- ✚ Clean, paint, eliminate odors, neatly stack/store items.
- ✚ Have furnace serviced; replace filters regularly. Maintain all other systems accordingly.

OUTDOORS

- ✚ Pressure wash/or paint home, garage, outbuildings.
- ✚ Keep lawn mowed and edged, remove weeds and dead plants, trim overgrown plants/trees.
- ✚ Make repairs to fences, rails, steps to ensure safety.
- ✚ Keep walkways, porches and patios swept clean (and in winter, clear them of snow and ice).
- ✚ Clean out gutters; replace missing shingles on roof as needed.

- ✦ Update house numbers; add a whimsical door knocker.
- ✦ Display a cheerful “welcome” door mat.
- ✦ Set a basket of blooms, seasonal/holiday florals on porch/step.
- ✦ Install new or updated garage door, remotes, key pads.