

# THE ULTIMATE SELLER TO-DO CHECKLIST

#### WHOLE HOUSE: Objectively Evaluate Every Room!

#### CLEAN/REPLACE AS NEEDED:

Light Switch Covers
Fireplace
Light Bulbs
Front door
Carpets
Blinds
Doors and Door Knobs
Interior & Exterior Paint
AC/Heater vents



# DUST EVERYTHING!!

- U Walls
- Blinds
- Ceilings
- Baseboards
- Windows

Ceiling Fans

A/C Intake Vents



# MAKE IT INVITING!

Rearrange furniture to maximize visual floor space

- Pack up all knick-knacks and figurines
- Prune and nurture all house plants
- Reduce or add house plants to a balanced number

Remove all but a few decorative books from bookshelves

Pack away personal family photos to de-personalize the home

Reduce the amount of wall art to one or two items per room

Add lamps to any dark spaces to brighten the room

Avoid using Scented candles, sprays, and plug-in air freshness

Leave your home smelling fresh and clean with an essential oil diffuser

### LIVING ROOMS & FAMILY ROOMS:

Keep	coffee	tables	clear

Remove any ashtrays

C Keep furniture at a minimum

Any toys should be stored out of sight

Use pillows and throws to soften the space

### DINING ROOM:

Bottom of Chandelier should be at min. 60" from the floor

Keep dining table clear except for one nice centerpiece

- Remove extra chairs from the table and dining room
- Remove extra leaves from the table
- ☐ The table should seat 4 to 6 chairs max.

# KITCHEN:

- Clear all items from kitchen countertops
- Clean tile grout; bleach if needed
- Clean the stove, oven, and microwave

Clear the refrigerator of magnets, pictures, and messages

Repair broken or loose corners on Formica countertops

- Replace burner pans on the stove if worn
- Keep all mops, brooms, vacuums, etc., put away.
- Empty the garbage before each showing
- Remove any pet food and water dishes before showings
- Organize pantry to look nice and neat
- Box up any dishes & cooking supplies you can live without
- Scrub/polish the sink to make it look like new again





#### **BEDROOMS**:

Make beds daily

Invest in new bedspreads if necessary (consult stager first)

Clear off bedside tables, dressers, etc.

Store daily necessities in drawers or closets

Organize closets to be nice and neat

Keep closet doors closed

C Keep all the floors clear and vacuum regularly

Remove all wall decor, other than a tasteful piece of art

**D** Repair any holes or damage to walls

# LAUNDRY:

- Put soap and supplies in cupboards
- Keep all surfaces and sink clean and empty
- Use high watt bulbs to make it look brighter
- Remove any and all clothing, dirty or clean.
- C Keep floors cleared of clutter and mop regularly

# BATH:

- Clear and clean ALL surfaces
- Display a bottle of hand soap or a clean bar of soap
- Purchase new towels if necessary (consult stager first)
- Coordinate all linens in one or two colors
- **Fold towels in thirds on towel rack**

Remove all unnecessary items out of shower stalls and tubs

- Clean or replace all shower curtains
- Clean any moldy areas in the showers and baths
- Replace caulking to make it look new again
- Take off all cloth toilet lids and keep lids closed
- □ Hide garbage cans and cleaning supplies
- Organize cabinets to be nice and neat

EXTERIOR:







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Clean or repaint the front door if needed

- Repaint the exterior and trim if needed
- Replace any rotten wood on the exterior
- Sweep all walkways, patios, porches, and decks
- D Pressure wash any dirty/stained concrete
- Re-stain deck wood as needed
- Wash windows, inside and out
- Use outdoor furniture to show use of space
- Outdoor drapes, pillows, and throws create an inviting retreat

#### GARAGE:

- Clean and sweep out the garage
- Keep storage nice and neat
- Repaint dirty areas
- Pack anything you can live without

#### YARD:

- Prune bushes and plants to look healthy
- Do not allow shrubs or plants to block windows
- Weed all planting areas
- D Put down fresh mulch to restore color contrast
- Keep the lawn freshly mowed, edged, and fertilized
- Remove any dead plants
- Add a few flowers for a splash of color if needed





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