

Pre-Listing Checklist

PREPARE YOUR HOME TO MAKE THE BEST FIRST IMPRESSION

Prepare your home room by room with this checklist covering cleaning, decluttering, repairs, staging, and curb appeal.



1. WHOLE HOME

- ☐ Declutter every room and closet
- ☐ Deep clean walls, baseboards, doors, and windows
- ☐ Replace burnt-out light bulbs
- ☐ Check and replace HVAC filters
- ☐ Fix squeaky doors and loose handles
- ☐ Ensure smoke & CO detectors work
- ☐ Neutralize odors (pets, cooking, etc.)
- ☐ Remove personal photos and items
- ☐ Create a bright, welcoming feel



2. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- ☐ Fix leaky faucets and running toilets
- ☐ Patch holes and repair wall damage
- ☐ Touch up paint (walls, trim, ceiling)
- ☐ Check and repair caulking
- ☐ Tighten loose cabinet hinges and handles
- ☐ Ensure all appliances are working
- ☐ Service garage door and opener
- ☐ Check roof, gutters, and downspouts
- ☐ Address any safety concerns



3. STAGING & PRESENTATION

- ☐ Arrange furniture to maximize space and flow
- ☐ Remove excess furniture to make rooms feel larger
- ☐ Add simple décor, pillows, and fresh greenery
- ☐ Set the table or add a centerpiece
- ☐ Open blinds and curtains for natural light
- ☐ Create a clean, neutral, inviting atmosphere



4. LIVING ROOM

- ☐ Declutter surfaces and shelves
- ☐ Fluff and arrange pillows
- ☐ Clean windows and blinds
- ☐ Vacuum / clean floors
- ☐ Check lighting and ambiance



5. KITCHEN

- ☐ Clear and clean countertops
- ☐ Clean sink and fixtures
- ☐ Degrease stove, oven, and hood
- ☐ Clean appliances (inside and out)
- ☐ Organize pantry and cabinets
- ☐ Remove magnets and papers from fridge



6. BEDROOMS

- ☐ Declutter closets and surfaces
- ☐ Make beds neatly
- ☐ Remove excess décor
- ☐ Clean windows and blinds
- ☐ Ensure good lighting
- ☐ Create a calm, relaxing feel



7. BATHROOMS

- ☐ Scrub sinks, tubs, showers, toilets
- ☐ Clean mirrors and fixtures
- ☐ Replace old towels and rugs
- ☐ Remove personal items
- ☐ Ensure good lighting and fresh scent



8. LAUNDRY ROOM

- ☐ Clean washer and dryer
- ☐ Organize shelves and supplies
- ☐ Remove clutter and excess items
- ☐ Keep laundry baskets empty and put away



9. ENTRYWAYS & HALLS

- ☐ Clear clutter and shoes
- ☐ Clean floors and rugs
- ☐ Check door hardware
- ☐ Add a welcoming touch (plant, mirror, or décor)



10. CURB APPEAL

- ☐ Mow lawn and edge beds
- ☐ Trim shrubs and trees
- ☐ Remove weeds
- ☐ Add fresh mulch and plants
- ☐ Clean windows and screens
- ☐ Power wash siding, deck, or driveway
- ☐ Clean front door and hardware
- ☐ Add a doormat and potted plants
- ☐ Ensure exterior lighting works

A little preparation goes a long way in getting top dollar for your home.