

Home Enhancement Checklist

THE EXTERIOR

Tidy up!

- Mow the lawn and trim trees and shrubs away from the house
- Rake leaves, pull weeds and dispose of dead plants.
- Store tools and other equipment neatly in garage

Clean up!

- Wash windows, inside & out
- Sweep all sidewalks and driveways

Patch up!

- Repair doors and windows
- Repair major cracks in sidewalks or driveways
- Repair roof shingles, shutters, gutters, siding and fencing
- Add new sod, plants, flowers and mulch if needed.

The finishing touch!

- Add a doormat at entrance
- Add a potted or hanging plant
- Add new house numbers

**When selling, it's important to look at your home from a different perspective...
the buyer's perspective.**

Tidy up! When a home appears cluttered, buyer can't "see" the home or its potential. By storing items you don't need or use, your home will feel more inviting to potential buyers. When selling a home, less is more!

Clean up! A clean home gives the impression that it has been well cared for.

Patch up! Minor repairs often become major stumbling blocks for potential buyers. Take away those distractions by fixing minor issues.

The finishing touch! The little "extras" make a home feel special. Remember your home is competing with other in your neighborhood. Make your home stand out!

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THE KITCHEN & BATHROOMS

THE KITCHEN

Tidy up!

- Clear extra gadgets from counter
- Remove all messages, pictures and magnets from refrigerator
- Clear all dishes, pots and pans from counter, sink & stove

Clean up!

- Wipe cabinets & polish sinks
- Clean appliances inside & out
- Wash floors
- Air out garbage with freshener

Patch up!

- Repair faucet/sink leaks
- Repair broken appliances
- Repair any non-working cabinets
- Patch & paint walls & ceiling

The finishing touch!

- Add a new throw rug
- Add a plant

THE BATHROOMS

Tidy up!

- Remove any unnecessary items from counters
- Organize linen closet, medicine cabinet, etc.

Clean up!

- Clean sinks, toilets, tubs, showers & make sure they are mold free
- Polish mirrors & fixtures
- Wash floors

Patch up!

- Repair any faucet, sink or toilet leaks
- Caulk & grout tile, if necessary
- Patch & paint walls & ceiling

The finishing touch!

- Add a scented candle
- Add coordinated towels & accessories
- Add a new shower curtain

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THE LIVING AREAS

Tidy up!

- Remove piles of papers and magazines from tables
- Rearrange furniture; discard worn furniture & store “extra” pieces
- Straighten bookshelves

Clean up!

- Clean & deodorize all carpets, spot clean where necessary; wash all floors
- Polish all furniture
- Wipe down any lighting fixtures, making sure all light bulbs are working
- Wash window treatments
- Clean fireplace, if applicable

Patch up!

- Patch & paint walls & ceiling

The finishing touch!

- Display linens on table
- Add fresh flowers, potpourri or a scented candle
- Rearrange pictures to highlight specific areas
- Add lamps if room is dark

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THE BEDROOMS

Tidy up!

- Straighten children's play area and store extra toys
- Remove extra furniture and rearrange to define areas
- Make closets more appealing by storing seasonal clothes elsewhere
- Be sure all clothes are hanging up and not lying around the room

Clean up!

- Clean and deodorize all carpet, spot cleaning where necessary
- Wash window treatments
- Wipe down lighting fixtures, making sure all light bulbs are working

Patch up!

- Patch & paint walls & ceiling

The finishing touch!

- Add decorative pillows to beds
- Add a plant

Checklist Continued...

THE BASEMENT & GARAGE

Tidy up!

- Organize all areas: laundry area, family area, workshop, garden equipment, etc.
- Box up and store or dispose of any unnecessary items

Clean up!

- Sweep and clean floors
- Remove cobwebs from walls, window sills and ceilings
- Wash windows, inside and out

Patch up!

- Make sure furnace, A/C and hot water heater are in working order
- Patch & paint walls & ceiling

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HERE COMES A BUYER...

Before each showing, be sure to complete these last minute touches to make your home standout and look great!

EXTERIOR

- Pick up after pets
- Pick up lawn tools, toys, etc. lying around the yard
- Clear driveways and walk areas

INTERIOR

- Open curtains for daytime showings and close curtains for nighttime showings
- Open windows to “freshen up” your home
- Do a quick tidy up
- Play instrumental music
- Burn a candle in the kitchen and in the living room