

Pre-Listing Checklist

Exterior / Curb Appeal

- Mow lawn, trim bushes, weed garden beds.
- Remove clutter (toys, tools, hoses).
- Power wash driveway, sidewalks, and siding if needed.
- Touch up paint on doors, shutters, and trim.
- Replace burnt-out exterior light bulbs.
- Add a fresh welcome mat and seasonal flowers/planters.

Interior - General

- Declutter each room (less furniture = more space).
- Remove personal items (family photos, collections).
- Deep clean floors, carpets, and baseboards.
- Wash windows and open curtains/blinds for natural light.
- Replace burnt-out bulbs; use higher wattage for brightness.
- Neutralize odors (pets, cooking, smoke).
- Touch up paint and patch small wall holes.

Kitchen

- Clear countertops (keep only essentials like coffee maker).
- Clean appliances inside and out.



- Organize pantry and cabinets (buyers peek inside!).
- Empty trash and recycling.

Bathrooms

- Scrub tubs, showers, toilets, sinks.
- Replace old caulking or grout if needed.
- Hang fresh towels and add new shower curtain if worn.
- Clear counters (limit to soap, decorative item).

Bedrooms

- Make all beds daily.
- Clear nightstands and dressers.
- Store away laundry and clothing.
- Organize closets (remove extra items, use matching hangers if possible).

Basement / Garage

- Organize storage areas and remove excess clutter.
- Sweep and clean floors.
- Show usable space clearly (set up workout space, workshop, etc.).

Before Showings

- Open curtains/blinds for natural light.
- Turn on lights in all rooms.



- Set comfortable temperature.
- Secure pets (take them out or crate them).
- Empty trash bins.
- Quick tidy-up (beds made, counters clear).

Pro Tip for Sellers:

Buyers decide within the first **7–10 seconds** if they like a home. Small touches like cleanliness, lighting, and curb appeal can make a big difference!