

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR SHOWING

Make sure that buyers looking at your home are left with the best possible impression. Here is an easy checklist to get your started:

FIRST IMPRESSIONS/GENERAL

- House exterior in good repair
- House number easy to read
- Eavestroughs, downspouts and soffits painted and in good repair
- Garage/car port clean and tidy
- Litter picked up
- Cracked or broken window panes replaced

FIRST IMPRESSIONS/SUMMER

- Lawns cut and raked
- Hedges and shrubs trimmed
- Garden weeded and edged

FIRST IMPRESSIONS/WINTER

- Snow and ice cleared away from walks
- Sidewalks sanded and salted
- Boot tray inside front door

AT THE FRONT DOOR

- Doorbell works
- Door hardware in good repair
- Porch and foyer clean and tidy
- Fresh air in house

INTERIOR MAINTENANCE

- Chipped plaster repaired
- Chipped paint touched up
- Doors and cupboards latch properly
- Leaky taps and toilets repaired
- Furnace wiped down and cleaned
- Burned out light bulbs replace
- Squeaky doors oiled

BATHROOM

- Mirrors, fixtures and taps cleaned and polished

Leaky taps and toilets repaired

- Seals around tubs and basins in good repair
- Floors cleaned, garbage containers emptied
- Inside of cupboards and cabinets clean and neat
- Towels clean and matching
- Countertops free of personal care items

KITCHEN

- Sinks and taps clean and polished
- Appliances cleaned
- Countertops neat and polished
- Inside of cupboards and cabinets clean and neat, not overcrowded
- Small appliances put away

CREATE A BUYING ATMOSPHERE

- All lights turned on
- Air conditioner turned on in warm weather
- Fireplace lit in cooler weather
- Closets neat and tidy
- Halls and stairs cleared
- Drapes opened during daylight
- Background music playing quietly
- Carpets freshly vacuumed
- Fresh flowers in various rooms

PETS

- Pets containers or absent during the showing

VALUABLES

- Jewellery and valuables locked safely away or taken with you
- Valuable property, such as objects of art, vases and figurines are out of reach, out of sight or locked away

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