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PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR SALE

First impressions count. A small investment in time and money will give your home an edge over other listings in the area when time comes to show it to a prospective buyer. Here are some suggestions that will help you to get top market value.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Oil squeaky doors
Tighten doorknobs
Replace burned out lights
Clean and repair windows
Touch up chipped paint
Repair cracked plaster
Repair leaking taps and toilets
Clean any ceiling spider webs

SPIC AND SPAN

Shampoo carpets
Clean washer, dryer and tubs
Clean furnace
Clean refrigerator and stove
Clean and freshen bathrooms

THE FIRST IMPRESSION

Clean and tidy entrance
Functional doorbell
Polish door hardware

CURB APPEAL

Cut lawns
Trim shrubs and lawns
Weed and edge gardens
Pick up any litter
Repair gutters and eaves
Touch up exterior paint

THE BUYING ATMOSPHERE

Keep pets outside
Play quiet music
Be absent during showings
Turn on all lights
Light the fireplace
Open drapes in the day time

THE SPACIOUS LOOK

Clear counters and stove
Make closets neat and tidy
Clear stairs and halls
Store excess furniture



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