

Preparing Your Home for Sale & Home Inspection

Exterior

- Siding and entry doors cleaned
- Gutters cleaned & debris from roof
- Landscaped beds weeded, new mulch or rake the old mulch
- Touch up any weathered trim paint, especially around front door
- Edge lawn
- Trim shrubbery and any tree branches touching the home
- Wash all windows inside & out
- Garage should be neat & clean
- Remove all rust stains on concrete or downspouts
- Wood decking should be cleaned & stained
- Replace /repair any visible loose or broken shingles
- Plant flowers in season
- Divert all water away from house; grade must slope away from structure

Interior

- Declutter, even in closets
- Lights on & window shades or drapes open
- Clean all carpets
- Remove all wallpaper
- Refinish hardwood if necessary
- Chipped or nicked drywall repaired & paint touched up
- Clean all baseboards
- Clean all light switches
- Clean kitchen cabinets
- Check for any cracks from house settling and caulk where needed
- Caulk where necessary around tubs or showers
- Clean all mirrors and fixtures—no water spots!
- Replace all burned out light bulbs & test smoke detectors
- Repair any leaky faucets
- Clean all ceramic tile grout lines
- Pay special attention to dirty door jambs or doors around handles
- Clean appliances
- There should not be any sign of past water leakage on ceilings
- Empty trash containers
- Clean or replace furnace filter
- Check that bathroom vents are working properly & vented to exterior
- Check that GFCI outlets are working