

Checklist: Prepare to list

Planning to sell? Preparing in advance will make the process much easier

Outside:

- Gate: repair / paint / oil
- Fence: repair / paint / varnish
- Mailbox: replace or straighten / paint
- Driveway: repair cracks / remove oil stains
- Lawn: weed / mow / edge / sweep leaves / trip trees
- Garden: weed / edge / trim plants / mulch / remove dead plants
- Pot plants: introduce as a feature / clean / weed / prune
- Gutters: clean / repair / paint
- Eaves: remove cobwebs / clean / paint
- Roof: reseal / repair / replace fascia
- Garage: clean door / repair / paint / sweep / mop
- Paving: weed / clean / repair / powerwash
- Windows: replace damaged fly screens or panes / paint sills / clean glass
- Welcome mat: clean / replace
- Front door: paint / clean / scour handles (and doorbell button)

Inside:

- Clean thoroughly – consider professional cleaning
- Air freshen if necessary (don't overwhelm)
- Remove personal items, political items and clutter
- Lights: repair / check globes / clean / replace shade
- Window shades: clean / dust / check operation
- Stairs & Handrails: polish / paint / wash
- Floors: polish / repair / clean

Living room:

- Dust thoroughly
- De-clutter: remove magazines / personal items / portable appliances / big furniture
- Sofa: repair / replace / recover / add throws or cushions
- Book shelves: clean / declutter / organize
- Electronics: store / wrap up cords / remove

Kitchen:

- Counters: clean / de-clutter
- Sink: scour
- Oven: degrease / clean handles and door
- Fridge: clean exterior / remove exterior decorations / scour inside
- Floor: clean thoroughly / sanitize
- Cabinets: organize and wash inside and out

Bedrooms:

- Bedside tables: de-clutter
- Bed: fresh linen / iron
- Mirrors: clean thoroughly
- Light switches: clean / repair
- Floor: tidy/clean/pick-up laundry
- Pictures: dust / straighten / set at eye level / remove personal items
- Closets: organize / declutter

Dining room:

- Table: clean / polish
- Lights: repair / clean / replace shade / turn on
- Floor: vacuum thoroughly
- Decorations: de-clutter / simplify

Bathrooms:

- Get a new toilet seat. and sanitize
- Tiles: clean grout / repair
- Mirrors: clean thoroughly
- Lights: repair / clean / replace shade / turn on / wash plate covers
- Fan: clean / replace / paint
- Accessories: remove shampoo / toothpaste / brushes
- Faucets: repair / clean
- Towels: replace / tidy

