

Home Enhancement Checklist

Look at your home the way a buyer will. These small, low-cost steps help your home show its best, sell faster and bring top dollar.



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Tidy up

Clutter hides a home's potential.
Less is more.

Clean up

Clean says "well cared for." Fresh
paint pays for itself.

Patch up

Fix small issues before they
become buyer objections.

Finishing touch

Small extras help your home
stand out.

The Exterior

TIDY UP

- ☐ Mow the lawn and trim trees and shrubs away from the house
- ☐ Rake leaves, pull weeds and remove dead plants, flowers and shrubs
- ☐ Store tools and equipment neatly in the garage

CLEAN UP

- ☐ Wash windows, inside and out
- ☐ Sweep all sidewalks and driveways

PATCH UP

- ☐ Repair doors and windows
- ☐ Repair major cracks in sidewalks and driveways
- ☐ Repair roof shingles, gutters, siding, shutters and fencing
- ☐ Refresh yards with sod, plants, flowers and mulch if needed

FINISHING TOUCH

- ☐ Add a new doormat at the entrance
- ☐ Add a potted or hanging plant
- ☐ Add new house numbers

The Kitchen

TIDY UP

- ☐ Clear extra gadgets from countertops
- ☐ Remove notes, photos and magnets from the refrigerator
- ☐ Clear away papers and mail

CLEAN UP

- ☐ Clear the sink, stove and counters of dishes, pots and pans
- ☐ Wipe down cabinets and polish sinks
- ☐ Clean all appliances, inside and out
- ☐ Wash the floor
- ☐ Freshen the garbage area

PATCH UP

- ☐ Repair faucet and sink leaks
- ☐ Repair broken appliances
- ☐ Fix sticking cabinets and drawers
- ☐ Patch and paint walls and ceilings if needed

FINISHING TOUCH

- ☐ Add a new throw rug
- ☐ Add a plant

The Bathrooms

TIDY UP

- ☐ Clear unnecessary items from countertops
- ☐ Organize linen closets and medicine cabinets

CLEAN UP

- ☐ Clean sinks, toilets, tubs and showers; make sure they are mold-free
- ☐ Polish mirrors and fixtures
- ☐ Wash the floor

PATCH UP

- ☐ Repair faucet, sink and toilet leaks
- ☐ Re-caulk and re-grout tile if needed
- ☐ Patch and paint walls and ceilings if needed

FINISHING TOUCH

- ☐ Add coordinated towels and accessories
- ☐ Add a new shower curtain
- ☐ Add a subtle scent

Living Areas

TIDY UP

- ☐ Remove piles of papers and magazines
- ☐ Rearrange furniture; store or discard extra and worn pieces
- ☐ Straighten bookshelves

CLEAN UP

- ☐ Clean and deodorize carpets; wash all floors
- ☐ Polish furniture
- ☐ Wipe light fixtures and replace burned-out bulbs
- ☐ Wash window treatments
- ☐ Clean the fireplace, if applicable

PATCH UP

- ☐ Patch and paint walls and ceilings if needed

FINISHING TOUCH

- ☐ Add fresh flowers
- ☐ Rearrange art to highlight the best features
- ☐ Add lamps to dark rooms

The Bedrooms

TIDY UP

- ☐ Straighten play areas and store extra toys
- ☐ Remove extra furniture to define each room
- ☐ Store out-of-season clothes to open up closets
- ☐ Hang up all clothing

CLEAN UP

- ☐ Clean and deodorize carpets
- ☐ Wash window treatments
- ☐ Wipe light fixtures and replace burned-out bulbs

PATCH UP

- ☐ Patch and paint walls and ceilings if needed

FINISHING TOUCH

- ☐ Add decorative pillows to beds
- ☐ Add a plant

Basement & Garage

TIDY UP

- ☐ Organize laundry, family, workshop and garden areas
- ☐ Box up, store or donate what you don't need

CLEAN UP

- ☐ Sweep and clean floors
- ☐ Remove cobwebs from walls, sills and ceilings
- ☐ Wash windows, inside and out

PATCH UP

- ☐ Make sure the furnace, A/C and water heater are in working order
- ☐ Replace the furnace filter

Here comes a buyer...

The 10-minute pre-showing list

Before every showing, take ten minutes for these last touches.

OUTSIDE

- ☐ Pick up after pets
- ☐ Put away tools and toys
- ☐ Clear the driveway and walkways (and shovel in winter)

INSIDE

- ☐ Open curtains for daytime showings; turn lights on for evening showings
- ☐ Air out the house
- ☐ Do a quick tidy-up
- ☐ Play soft background music
- ☐ Set the thermostat to a comfortable temperature

Not sure what's worth fixing?

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