## Home Appearance Checklist

Everything you can do to present your home at its absolute best.



## FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT

- □ In summer, a well manicured lawn and cleanly swept and edged walkways.
- □ In winter, snow and ice removed from walkways, steps and driveways.
- □ Freshly painted front door and mailbox.
- □ Storm door condition satisfactory.
- □ Front door glass clean and free of any finger prints and animals prints.
- □ Functional door bell.
- □ Broken steps or walkways repaired.
- □ Absence of clutter in yard and driveway.
- Door hardware polished and tightened.
- Lighting fixtures operational.

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## Clean windows.

- □ Freshly painted walls and exterior.
- □ Faucets and toilets operational.
- Clean washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove, ovens, sinks and tubs.
- □ Loose knobs, warped drawers and sticking windows and doors all repaired.
- □ Fireplace cleaned and filled with logs.
- Clean towels in bathrooms.
- Light bulbs and switches replaced (especially in basement and closets).
- Squeaky doors oiled.

## PREPARE FOR SHOWING

- □ Make your home as appealing as possible.
- Remove dogs or cats to the yard or confine in one area.
- Open draperies and curtains, turn on all lights.
- Play quiet, low-keyed soft music.
- □ Fresh flowers whenever possible; if it's winter, display color photo of your yard in full bloom.

- Turn off television sets.
- □ If winter, light a fire in the fireplace.
- □ Try to stay in one area of the house when it's being shown or try not to be home.
- Let the Realtor<sup>®</sup> who is showing your home answer any questions or objections.

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