



## Preparing Your Home to Sell

Buyers are attracted to neat, well maintained homes. Attention to the following checklist will help identify some of those improvements;

### **Exterior:**

- Front door is clean, in good condition & welcoming
- Entry is clean & properly lit
- Welcome mat looks fresh & inviting
- Doorbell is in working order
- Exterior paint & trim are in good condition
- Garage door is in good condition
- Roof is in good condition
- Windows and screens are in good condition
- Windows and glass doors are clean & sparkling
- Lawn is healthy, trimmed & edged
- Flowerbeds are well cultivated
- Trees and bushes are trimmed & healthy
- Leaves are raked
- Ground is free of trash & clutter
- Walkways and driveway are clear
- Bicycles, sports equipment, tools & toys are put away
- Garage items are neatly stored
- Garage is swept & clean
- Garbage cans are covered and neatly stored
- Play equipment is safe & neat
- Fence and gates are in good condition
- Outbuildings & sheds are in good condition
- Outdoor furniture is clean, in good shape & well placed
- Patio, deck, fence and/or railings are in good condition
- Pool area is clean & tidy
- Backyard is free of dog waste

### **Interior:**

- House smells clean and inviting
- Pet odors are not present
- Shades and curtains function properly & are opened to let sunlight in
- All windows are sparkling & clean
- Walls are in good condition
- Doors, walls, glass and mirrors are free of fingerprints & smudges
- Hard surface floors are waxed & buffed
- Carpets are in good condition & professionally cleaned
- Surfaces are dusted & sparkling clean
- Furniture is edited down & arranged in a welcoming manner
- Bedrooms are tidy, beds are made & laundry is put away
- Loose doorknobs & cabinet pulls are tightened
- Stairways are free of clutter
- All lighting fixtures and switches work properly & are clean
- All light bulbs are working
- Fireplaces are clean & in good working order
- Kitchen counters are clean & uncluttered
- All appliances are clean & sparkling
- All appliances in good working order
- Refrigerator is clear of all magnets, pictures and calendars
- Dishes are clean & put away
- Bathrooms are thoroughly scoured and uncluttered, with clean towels
- Loose tiles & fixtures have been repaired

**Interior Contd.:**

- Caulking around the tubs and showers are clean and in good condition
- Faucets & sinks are in good condition
- Closets are straightened & rearranged to “maximize” space
- All non-used items are stored efficiently
- Attic, basement and storage areas are organized
- Indoor plants are healthy
- Pet toys, beds and bowls are out of the way
- Litter boxes are cleaned daily and inconspicuous
- Backyard is free from dog waste