Preparing Your Property Checklist

FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT | Often a small investment in time and money will provide your home a competitive advantage compared to others at the time of showing.

EXTERIOR
- Cut the lawn
- Trim shrubs and plants
- Weed and edge gardens
- Pick up any litter
- Clear walk and driveway
- Repair gutters, eaves and roof
- Move all building supplies out of sight
- Move all gardening supplies out of sight
- Clear the patio of small items
- Clean oil stains from the driveway and garage
- Replace worn, stained or personalized doormats
- Replace any bulbs that are not working
- Touch-up exterior paint

INTERIOR | General Maintenance
- Oil squeaky doors
- Clean and tidy entrance
- Clear hallways and steps of any objects or clutter
- Remove identifying items such as photo frames
- Clean everything (appliances, furnace, windows, carpets, etc.)
- Remove messages from the refrigerator
- Keep pets outdoors or out of the house
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- Tighten and polish doorknobs
- Repair leaking taps and toilets
- Repair cracked plaster
- Remove extra items from all the countertops
- Replace burnt out lights
- Clean and repair windows
- Touch-up chipped paint
- Organize closets and cupboards (thin them out)

THE BUYING ATMOSPHERE
- Be absent during showings
- Turn all lights on
- Turn on gas fireplace
- Open drapes to let light in
- Play quiet background music
- Be sure the doorbell works