



PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

Sprucing up your house is an easy way to increase interest in your property. Buyer's are more likely to view a house that is clutter-free, clean and neutral.

Below are some ideas on what you can do to prepare for listing your property on the market.

DECLUTTER & DEPERSONALIZE

- Decorating to live and decorating to sell are two very different things
- Pack up personal photos and family heirlooms.
- Pack up Knick knacks
- Clean off everything on kitchen counters
- Pack away unused or extra items that are in your cupboards

HOUSE CLEANING

- Vacuum, wipe down and clean every surface in the house
- Wash windows inside and out
- Pressure wash the walkway and exterior of your home, where necessary
- Re-caulk tubs, showers and sinks
- Polish chrome faucets and mirrors
- Clean out the refrigerator
- Wax floors, if necessary
- Hang up fresh towels
- Clean and air out any musty or strong smelling areas
- Clean curtains and upholstery to remove odors

CURB APPEAL

- Keep the sidewalks cleared
- Mow the lawn
- Paint faded window trim
- Plant flowers and bushes
- Apply new beauty bark or mulch to planting areas
- Trim the bushes and trees
- Make house numbers are visible

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

- Consider painting your walls neutral colors like beige or light grey -- replacing any bold or dark colors
- If you are going to take window coverings, statues, bird baths, built-in appliances or fixtures when you move, remove them now. Pack those items and replace them, if necessary
- Examine how furniture is arranged and move things around until there is an easy flow
- Patch holes in walls, fix leaky faucets, fix doors that don't close properly and kitchen drawers that jam, replace burned out light bulbs