



Prepare your home for a showing

Make sure that buyers looking at your home are left with the best possible impression. Here is an easy checklist to get you started:

FIRST IMPRESSIONS – GENERAL:

- House exterior in good repair.
- House number easy to read.
- Eaves troughs, down spouts, and soffits painted and in good repair.
- Garage/carport clean and tidy.
- Litter picked up.
- Cracked or broken window panes replaced and basins in good repair.
- Floors cleaned and garbage containers empty.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS – SUMMER:

- Lawns cut and raked .

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- Hedges and shrubs trimmed.
- Garden weeded and edged.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS – WINTER:

- Snow and ice cleared from the walk.
- Sidewalks sanded and salted.
- Boot tray inside front door.

AT THE FRONT DOOR:

- Doorbell works.
- Door hardware in good repair.
- Porch and foyer clean and tidy.
- Fresh air in house.

INTERIOR MAINTENANCE:

- Chipped plaster repaired.
- Chipped paint touched up.
- Doors and cupboards latch properly.
- Leaky taps and faucets repaired.
- Furnace wiped down and cleaned.
- Burned out light bulbs replaced.

- Squeaky door oiled.

BATHROOM:

- Mirrors, taps, and fixtures cleaned.
- Leaky taps and toilets repaired.
- Seals around tubs and basins in good repair.
- Floors cleaned and trash bins emptied.
- Inside of cupboards and cabinets clean and neat.
- Towels clean and matching.
- Countertops free of personal care items.

KITCHEN:

- Sinks and taps cleaned.
- Appliances cleaned.
- Countertops neat and cleaned.
- Inside of cupboards clean and neat.
- Small appliances put away.

CREATE A BUYING ATMOSPHERE:

- All lights turned on.
- Air Conditioner turned on in warm weather.

- Fireplace lit in cooler weather.
- Closets neat and tidy.
- Halls and stairs cleared.
- Drapes and blinds open during daylight.
- Carpets freshly vacuumed.

PETS:

- Pets contained or absent during the showing.
- Pet odors removed from carpets, drapes and furniture's.

VALUABLES:

- Jewelry and valuables such as art and ornaments locked safely away, kept out of sight or out of reach, or taken with you.