

Preparing to Show Your Home Checklist

EXTERIOR

- House exterior in good repair
- House number easy to read and well lit at night
- Eaves troughs, down spouts and soffits in good repair
- Garage/car port clean and tidy
- Litter picked up
- Cracked or broken window panes replaced
- Lawns and hedges cut and trimmed
- Gardens weeded and edged
- Walks and entranceways free of potential hazard; shoveled and salted if it has snowed
- Boot tray inside of main entranceway
- Doorbell and door hardware in good repair
- Porch and foyer clean and tidy

INTERIOR

- Chipped plaster and paint touched-up and repaired
- Doors and cupboards properly closed
- Leaky taps and toilets repaired
- Burnt out light bulbs replaced
- Squeaky doors oiled
- Mirrors, fixtures and taps cleaned and polished
- Seals around tubs and basins in good repair
- Floors cleaned
- Garbage containers emptied
- Inside of closets neat and tidy
- Appliances cleaned
- Countertops neat and polished
- All lights turned on
- Air conditioner turned on in warm weather
- Fresh air in the house
- Fireplace lit in cooler weather
- Halls and stairs cleaned and clutter free
- Drapes opened during daylight
- Carpets freshly vacuumed
- Fresh flowers in various rooms
- Jewelry and valuables locked safely away (**VERY IMPORTANT**)
- Valuable property (vases, objects of art, figurines) out of reach, out of sight, or safely away
- Pets absent, whenever possible, or contained during the showing and litter boxes clean

Paying attention to these small details will help to make the showing of your home a pleasant and rewarding experience. Ask your realtor for advice...after all this is the business that they are in and their years of experience can pay big dividends.