

You can significantly influence the selling price of your property by preparing before putting it on the market. Here are some suggestions to improve a buyer's first impression of your home. Print this out and use it as a reference.

**General**

- Remove clutter
- Remove cobwebs from ceilings and corners
- Remove paint splash on floor and cabinets
- Clean and polish door hardware and handrails
- Clean wall switches and outlet covers
- Clean and tidy basement and attic storage
- Add plants and flowers throughout the house

**House Exterior**

- Sealed driveway
- Weed-free driveway and walkways
- Healthy, weed-free, and trimmed lawn
- Trees and shrubs trimmed
- Wash front steps and porch
- Check front doorbell and bell light
- Clean or replace welcome mat
- Repair and repaint fences and gates
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Clean or repaint siding
- Wash windows and screens
- Clean shutters

**Living, Family, Dining Rooms**

- Repaint or touch up walls, ceiling and trim
- Repair or replace damaged moulding
- Clean and wax hardwood and vinyl floors
- Shampoo carpet

**Bedrooms**

- Repaint or touch up walls, ceiling and trim
- Clean drapes and bedspread
- Shampoo carpet
- Clean out all closets
- Clear all bedroom furniture
- Put away all clothing

**Bathrooms**

- Paint or wallpaper using light colors
- Scrub tile, bleach, and repair grout
- Check to see that drawers/doors open easily
- Clean floor
- Clean out medicine cabinet
- Seal around tubs and showers
- Replace old toilet seats
- Replace shower window curtains
- Put out a set of color coordinated bath linens

**Kitchen**

- Paint or wallpaper walls and ceiling with light color
- Clean floor
- Clean cabinets and appliances

Clean out refrigerator and wash interior  
Empty dishwasher and clean around controls  
Check operation of all appliances  
Arrange and clean food storage areas  
Clean out cabinets and drawers  
Neatly display dishes in cabinets  
Clear clutter from counter tops  
Check to see that drawers/doors open easily  
Wash or replace curtains

**Laundry**

Check operation of appliances  
Clean all appliances  
Clean and organize laundry area  
Provide adequate light to area

**Garage**

Check operation of wall sockets  
Remove oil and grease from floor  
Clean and organize storage  
Maintain noisy garage door opener