

# BEFORE YOU LIST YOUR HOME

## A MASTER LIST

### Clean

- Launder curtains
- Interior Doors
- Deep clean bathrooms and kitchen
- Wash walls
- Wash baseboards
- Launder all sheets and bed linens
- Dust art and shelving
- Wash range hood
- Wash Window Ledges
- Dust all lighting and ceiling fans
- Have carpets professionally cleaned
- Dust and wash all vent covers and air returns
- Wash all windows inside and out
- Wash down all cabinets
- Wash around doorknobs
- Wash switch plates

### EXTERIOR

- Wash windows and screens
- Pressure wash deck/patio
- Clean front and back doors and storm doors
- Lay a fresh doormat
- Weed garden beds
- Lay fresh mulch in garden beds
- Fresh flowers for planters
- Trim overhanging tree limbs, overgrown shrubs

### Declutter

- Goal is to remove everything that is functional or personal
- Remove most furniture except basic living items such as couch, loveseat, bed, nightstand, one dresser. Remove enough for the home to feel spacious but leave enough furniture for it to feel warm and inviting
- Bookcases. Remove bookshelf entirely or remove everything that is not beautiful. Matching volumes are okay, pack all other books
- Clothes closets, coat closet, storage areas, linen closet, cabinets. Remove everything you can do without. The emptier the space the bigger it will feel
- Organize and declutter pantry
- Declutter Playroom. Pack away as much as you can.
- Declutter surfaces. Kitchen and bathroom counters. Desks. Dressers. Any items left on surfaces should be beautiful or decorative. If it is functional or personal in any way, remove it
- All Floor space—No excessive baskets, toys, books, hampers, or clutter. Less is more, if it is not decorative, remove it

### Tasks

- Make sure all bulbs work and replace where needed
- Replace Air filters
- Remove all personal portraits from walls
- Replace all worn kitchen and bath towels with new, neutral colored towels
- Tables should be as small as possible (remove leaves) Tablecloths should be in good condition and a neutral color
- Identify and remove any odors
- Remove any pet pillows and toys
- During showings remove pet dishes

### Patch / Paint / Caulk

- If there are any cracks in the baseboards, re-caulk and touch up paint (fresh baseboards will make everything look cleaner.)
- Remove any spare nails/screws in walls, patch and paint
- Re-caulk countertops and tubs if needed
- Caulk built-in cabinetry
- Touch up interior doors
- Touch up interior walls
- Touch up ceiling paint



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