

# How to Show Your Home Checklist

## **OUTSIDE:**

- Trim all shrubs
- Pull weeds Maintain flowerbed
- Rake lawn clear of leaves
- Water lawn to keep green.
- Discard or store all materials & debris not part of the lawn decor
- Wash all window surfaces
- Sweep garage and clear clutter
- In wintertime, all walkways & driveways should be shoveled & salted

## **LIGHTING:**

- Open all shades and draperies during daylight hours
- Replace all burnt-out light bulbs with the high-wattage bulbs
- Turn on all lights throughout the house and basement prior to showing

## **STORAGE:**

- Store away all clothing & other items not contributing to décor
- All closets should be tidy and organized
- Basement storage areas should be neatly arranged
- Kitchen counters should be clean & free of any articles not contributing to the decor
- All magazines, books, ashtrays, food, bottles, containers, boxes, cans, toys, hobby accessories, tools, dishes, cookware, etc. should be stored in the proper cupboards or closets or storage areas.

## **CLOSETS:**

- Interiors of all closets should present a tidy & uncluttered appearance
- All unneeded or unused items should be discarded
- Display your storage and utility space by removing all unnecessary accumulations in attic, stairways, basement, closets & garage.

## **WINDOWS:**

- All windows should be spotless
- All window sills should be clean & free of any flaking paint
- All windows should be in good repair with no cracks
- Screens should be clean & in good condition, free of rust & holes
- Any paint on glass should be removed with a razor blade prior to cleaning

**FIXTURES:**

- All bathroom and kitchen fixtures & counters should be clean
- Polish chrome faucets and handles in the tub and sinks
- All sinks, tubs, toilets and counters should be clean

**FLOORS:**

- All flooring should be clean & waxed if necessary
- All carpeting should be clean, regardless of age
- Steam-clean carpet (if not done in more than 2 years)
- Basement floors should be swept and mopped

**DOORS:**

- All doors should be free of scotch tape, posters, decals or stickers
- All door handles should be clean and in good repair

**CERAMIC TILE:**

- All joints between tiles should be clean and white
- Use DAP bathroom tile sealer to reseal the joint between bathtub and wall and floor

**WALLS:**

- All walls should be clean and free of gouges, scratches, smudges, scotch tape, posters, thumb-tacks, etc.
- Walls should only have decorative items
- Posters and pictures taped to walls should be removed along with evidence of all tape markings

**ODOR:**

- On warm days, open up windows and shades
- Make your home feel and smell bright, fresh & clean