

Home Showing *Cleaning Checklist*

The obvious details matter. Use this room-by-room list before buyers arrive.

START WITH THE WHOLE HOUSE

- ☐ Open blinds and curtains; let in natural light
- ☐ Turn on every light and replace burned-out bulbs
- ☐ Dust ceiling fans, light fixtures and vents
- ☐ Wipe doors, knobs, handles and light switches
- ☐ Clean windows, sills, tracks and interior glass
- ☐ Dust furniture, shelves, frames and decor
- ☐ Wipe baseboards and visible trim
- ☐ Vacuum rugs and carpet; sweep and mop hard floors
- ☐ Remove cobwebs from corners and ceilings
- ☐ Empty trash cans and hide cleaning supplies
- ☐ Remove pet hair, bowls, toys and litter boxes
- ☐ Check for odors; use only a light, clean scent

BEDROOMS & LIVING AREAS

- ☐ Make every bed and smooth pillows and bedding
- ☐ Clear nightstands, dressers and coffee tables
- ☐ Put away clothing, laundry, shoes and personal items
- ☐ Dust TVs, screens, lamps and electronics
- ☐ Straighten sofa cushions, throws and area rugs
- ☐ Organize closets; buyers may open the doors
- ☐ Leave closet floors visible and pathways clear
- ☐ Remove valuables, medications and personal documents
- ☐ Vacuum under visible furniture and along room edges

KITCHEN

- ☐ Clear and wipe all surfaces in the kitchen
- ☐ Clean countertops, backsplash and kitchen island
- ☐ Wipe the front surfaces of all appliances
- ☐ Clean stovetop, burners, knobs and range hood
- ☐ Clean inside the microwave
- ☐ Wipe refrigerator handles and water dispenser
- ☐ Clean and shine the sink, faucet and drain
- ☐ Wipe cabinet fronts, pulls and drawer fronts
- ☐ Clean and organize cabinets under sinks
- ☐ Put away dishes, drying racks and countertop clutter
- ☐ Remove magnets, papers and photos from refrigerator
- ☐ Empty trash and wipe the trash-can exterior
- ☐ Sweep and mop, including edges and under stools

BATHROOMS

- ☐ Clean bathroom mirrors until completely streak-free
- ☐ Scrub and rinse tubs, showers, doors and surrounds
- ☐ Clean toilets, including base, seat, lid and behind
- ☐ Wipe vanity tops, sinks, faucets and cabinet fronts
- ☐ Clean and organize cabinets under sinks
- ☐ Remove toiletries from counters and shower ledges
- ☐ Hang fresh, neatly folded towels
- ☐ Empty trash; hide plungers and toilet brushes
- ☐ Sweep and mop floors; clean around the toilet

DINING & BREAKFAST AREAS

- ☐ Clear and wipe the table, chairs and other surfaces
- ☐ Remove paperwork, projects and everyday clutter
- ☐ Dust the light fixture and wipe chair backs
- ☐ Use a simple centerpiece; remove excess table decor
- ☐ Straighten chairs and leave an easy walking path
- ☐ Vacuum or mop beneath the table and along edges

LAUNDRY, GARAGE & STORAGE

- ☐ Put away laundry and empty the washer and dryer
- ☐ Wipe washer and dryer fronts and control panels
- ☐ Clean lint, detergent spills and utility sink
- ☐ Organize pantry, linen closets and storage shelves
- ☐ Sweep garage floor and remove obvious cobwebs
- ☐ Stack boxes neatly and keep walkways clear
- ☐ Move overflowing items off-site if possible
- ☐ Keep mechanical areas and access panels visible

CURB APPEAL & OUTDOOR AREAS

- ☐ Sweep front porch, steps, walkways and back deck
- ☐ Clean the front door, storm door and exterior glass
- ☐ Wipe porch lights, house numbers and doorbell
- ☐ Remove leaves, weeds, toys, hoses and yard clutter
- ☐ Set out a clean doormat and straighten porch furniture
- ☐ Pick up pet waste and empty outdoor trash cans
- ☐ Clean patio tables, grill exterior and seating areas
- ☐ Move vehicles away from the front of the home

THE 10-MINUTE FINAL SWEEP

- ☐ Set thermostat to a comfortable temperature
- ☐ Open blinds; turn on lamps and overhead lights
- ☐ Close toilet lids and shower curtains neatly
- ☐ Put away dishes, mail, remotes and charging cords
- ☐ Wipe last-minute fingerprints from glass and appliances
- ☐ Take out trash and do one final odor check
- ☐ Secure pets and take everyone with you
- ☐ Leave the home 10-15 minutes before the showing