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25 Tips for Getting Your Home Market Ready

EXTERIOR:

1. Pressure wash the exterior, driveway, deck & porch
2. Freshen up landscaping with mulch or pine straw
3. Trim your shrubs
4. Clean gutters and make sure downspouts are clear and extended away from foundation
5. Repair areas of rotted trim, siding & doors/door frames
6. Freshen up paint on front door, surrounding trim and porch
7. Clean windows and remove all window screens
8. Place a flower basket near the entryway
9. Replace your welcome mat
10. Clean your outside furniture and consider sprucing it up with new cushions and pillows

INTERIOR:

1. Repaint bold colors (in at least 75% of the home)
2. Patch and paint drywall cracks above doors & window frames
3. Remove wall paper or borders
4. Replace light fixtures that are brass
5. Professionally clean carpets or replace if the edges are darkened & cannot be cleaned
6. Thoroughly clean entire home, to include ceiling fans, window sills, blinds, baseboards, cobwebs in corners, door handles, etc.
7. Remove clutter, collections & all personal photos – don't forget the closets!
8. Change air filters & clean air vents
9. Check and repair caulking around tubs, showers, sinks, and counters
10. Remove all items from bathroom counters except soap
11. Put fresh hand towels in bathrooms
12. Remove all items from kitchen counters except things you use every day (like a coffee maker or knife block)
13. Make sure your kitchen appliances are all matching (brands don't matter as much as colors)
14. Remove small rugs from baths & kitchens
15. Take down all curtains