

Home Preparation Recommendations

Interior Home Preparation Checklist:

1. Kitchen and Bathroom:

- Clear countertops.
- Remove dish racks, cutting boards, tea towels, soap bottles, cleaning products, mops, brooms, and garbage cans. Consider adding decorative touches like fresh fruit or a vase of flowers.

2. Natural Lighting:

- Open blinds and curtains to let in natural light.

3. General Interior:

- Take down photos, notes, and papers from the refrigerator.
- Ensure all interior lights are turned on and functioning; replace any burnt-out bulbs.
- Turn off ceiling fans.
- Declutter rooms with excessive furnishings, as they may not photograph well.
- Make beds and tidy bedrooms, ensuring clothes are hung or folded and put away. Clear nightstands of items such as phone chargers,

4. Bathroom Details:

- Clear off bathroom counters.
- Remove makeup, razors, soap, toothbrushes, and beauty products.
- Take out items from the shower and tub, including shampoo, soaps, washcloths, and baby toys.
- Move out garbage cans, bathmats, laundry baskets, extra toilet paper, the toilet brush, and scales.
- Close the toilet lid and hang fresh towels on racks.

5. Miscellaneous:

- Remove piles of clutter

Exterior Home Preparation Checklist:

1. Pets and Trash:

- Keep pets in the garage or out of sight.
- Conceal trash cans.

2. Driveway and Cars:

- Clear the driveway of cars.

3. Garden and Landscape:

- Weed the garden.
- Trim trees and overgrown shrubs.
- Rake leaves; cover exposed dirt with mulch.
- Mow the lawn and edge around cement.
- Store garden hoses in the garage or shed.

4. Yard Cleanup:

- Pick up items in the yard, such as garden tools, garbage cans, toys, empty pots, or pots with dead plants.
- Sweep the porch and sidewalks.

5. Outdoor Furniture:

- Wipe down outdoor furniture and ensure cushions look clean and presentable.