

Preparing Your Home

With buyers, first impressions count. A small investment in time and money will give your home an edge over other listings in the area when the time comes to show it to a prospective buyer.

Here are some suggestions that will help you to get top market value:

General Maintenance

- Oil squeaky doors
- Tighten doorknobs
- Replace burned out lights
- Clean and repair windows
- Touch up chipped paint
- Repair cracked plaster
- Repair leaking taps and toilets

Spic and Span

- Shampoo carpets
- Clean washer, dryer, and tubs
- Clean furnace
- Clean fridge and stove
- Clean and freshen bathrooms

The First Impression

- Clean and tidy entrance
- Functional doorbell
- Polish door hardware

Curb Appeal

- Cut lawns
- Trim shrubs and lawns
- Weed and edge gardens
- Pick up any litter
- Clear walk and driveway of leaves
- Repair gutters and eaves
- Touch up exterior paint

The Buying Atmosphere

- Be absent during showings
- Turn on all lights
- Light fireplace
- Open drapes in the day time
- Play quiet background music
- Keep pets outdoors

The Spacious Look

- Clear stairs and halls
- Store excess furniture
- Clear counters and stove
- Make closets neat and tidy