

The Preparation Checklist



Pack. Simplify. Repeat.

- Procure a Storage Unit.
- Make a list of all of your rooms and exterior areas and schedule out your packing plan. Remove clutter throughout the house, pack, organize and clean out closets. Reduce furniture!

Liven up Your Curb Appeal.

Tired houses don't impress.

- Freshen up your landscaping, and clear pathways and front steps of any debris; make sure there are no tripping hazards.
- Paint your front door and consider a new doormat. Paint or replace mailbox, if needed. If screens, windows or shutters are worn or damaged, replace or repair.
- Replace dim bulbs and repair any lights as needed.
- Repair any cracks in interior or exterior walls.
- Clean and organize the garage, and ensure the door is in good working order. Remove any oil and rust stains from the driveway and garage floor.

Awaken the Interior Charm.

- Shampoo carpeting or replace if worn (or has ANY odor). Clean tile floors, particularly grout. If the grout doesn't clean up, consider a professional grout cleaning or re-coloring.
- Give walls a fresh paint job. Clean windows and window coverings.
- Repair any leaks and caulking in bathtubs and showers. Replace worn/discolored (or busy) shower curtains with fresh, simple ones. Clean thoroughly!
- Repair or replace loud ventilating fans.
- Repair or replace loose knobs on doors and cabinets and adjust sticky or squeaky doors.

- Store any exercise equipment away unless you have a dedicated gym space.
- Make sure HVAC system(s), evaporative cooler(s), and hot water heater(s) are clean and working and get them inspected if aged. Replace filters.
- Ensure all pool and/or spa equipment and pumps are working properly and pool/spa(s) are kept clean.
- Inspect fences, gates and latches. Repair or replace as needed.
- Get a professional deep cleaning. Worth every penny!
- Your agent should be getting professional photos and, if applicable, drone footage to show your home in its best light!

Time to Show.

- Maintain a clean home. Mess and dirt reveal every flaw.
- Clear counter tops of small appliances and nicknacks; leave a clean and empty sink.
- Make beds and hang clean, simple towels in the bathrooms.
- Send pets away or secure them away from the house, and be sure to clean up after them. Barking/crying will encourage buyers to hurry out of your home.
- Close the windows to eliminate street noise.
- Empty and clean trash cans and store out of sight.
- Keep the garage door closed and driveway clear. Park vehicles (and campers) out of sight.
- Light up the place! Open blinds and curtains and turn on all the lights.
- Depart before prospects arrive and give them plenty of time to dream inside your home.

