Curb Appeal Checklist

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- ☐ Exterior
  - ☐ Mow the lawn and trim the vegetation.
  - ☐ Keep the lawn mowed on a regular basis as long as your home is on the market.
  - ☐ Clean the driveway.
  - ☐ Clear all vegetation from the walkways and out of driveway cracks.
  - ☐ Keep your garbage containers at the rear of the house .
  - ☐ Keep toys and bicycles from the yard.
  - ☐ Make sure the 'Real Estate For Sale' sign is upright, prominent, and in reasonably good condition.
  - ☐ Remove window screens from the front of the house and wash the windows.
  - ☐ Clean the front door and its frame.
  - ☐ Keep your garage door closed.
  - ☐ Place a few potted flowers up the front.
  - ☐ Place trash containers and other similar items out of sight.
  - ☐ Outdoor furniture should be kept clean and/or repainted if necessary.
  - ☐ Clean, repair or paint the gutters and downspouts.
- ☐ Interior
  - ☐ Remove the sources of odor until the house sells
  - ☐ If you have pets, keep the pet areas clean.
  - ☐ If the house smells of tobacco, a deodorization may be in order.
  - ☐ Create a comfortable, 'homey' feel by placing a little bit of cinnamon on a slice of bread in the oven at low temperature.
  - ☐ Keep the kitchen clean and free of clutter.
  - ☐ Keep bathrooms free from clutter.
  - ☐ If you have children, keep their tub toys stored neatly.
  - ☐ Clean and dust the windowsills.
  - ☐ Keep blinds open and raised.
  - ☐ Dust everything.
  - ☐ Remove ashes and soot from fireplaces.

- ☐ Clean all interior doors and frames.
- ☐ Keep furniture tidy.
- ☐ Clean and straighten closets.
- ☐ Keep dirty laundry in a closed hamper.