

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.