PREPARE FOR LISTING

HOLLI CLEM
GUIDING YOU HOME

PRIMARY TASKS

These items will also be a great jump-start on your move!

DE-CLUTTER & DE-PERSONALIZE

- Try to keep boxed items in a single area. If possible, leave space for an inspector to examine walls & areas where boxes are stacked.
- Reduce the number of wall hangings, books & knick-knacks.
- Pack up family photos, memorabilia & collections.
- Remove excess furniture, table leaves & floor rugs. Pull furniture away from windows.
- Remove excess toiletries & kitchen counter items (store in nearby cabinet if needed).
- Remove faux plants and floral arrangements.
- Clear refrigerator of magnets, photos & other items.
- Ensure valuables, firearms & prescription medications are properly locked-up.

CLEAN & REPAIR

See our Trusted Vendor list for referrals!

- Professionally clean carpets – especially if you have pets. Consider replacing if they are noticeably worn or discolored.
- Replace burned-out light bulbs, broken light switches, switch plates, and outlet covers.
- Well-lit areas appeal to buyers. Brightening a space is easy to do by replacing old light bulbs with bright LED bulbs.
- Repair and re-paint any cracks or holes in your walls and ceilings.
- Deep clean all bathrooms, including tile grout, tubs and toilets.
- Thoroughly clean kitchen, pantry and appliances - inside & out.
- Tighten door knobs, locks & window hardware. Replace any broken parts & oil squeaky ones.

CURB APPEAL

- Re-paint front door and trim.
- Have roof professionally inspected and repair as needed.
- Power-wash all steps, walkways, driveway, and other outdoor areas.
- Clean or replace door mats.
- Remove dead plants & weeds. Add fresh mulch or pine straw.
- Trim or replace front landscaping as necessary.
- Remove excess potted plants, outdoor furniture and unnecessary items from front & back yards.
- Neatly wrap & store all hoses.

SECONDARY TASKS

INTERIOR

- Repair any loose stair rails.
- Fireplaces: clean glass/screen doors and clear excess mantle decor.
- Pack up any seasonal/holiday items as these can date photos.
- Use neutral-colored bedspreads & comforters, if possible.
- Clean & organize garage.
- Clean or replace shower curtains.
- Repair or replace any broken tiles and cabinet doors/drawers.
- Clean exhaust fans, filters & hoods.
- Clean inside of refrigerator, oven and other appliances.
- Clean & organize pantry.
- Clean pet feeding stations - relocate if needed so they don't get tripped on.
- Clean garbage cans.

EXTERIOR

- Repair broken or loose bricks and pavers along walkways & porches.
- Re-paint or stain decks and stairs. Replace/repair damaged boards & rails.
- Trim all bushes and trees (not just front for curb appeal) - all branches should be at least 12" from the house and not overhanging the roof.
- Clear moss and leaves from gutters and roof.
- Inspect fences and gates. Repair as needed.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS?

If making improvements or renovations, focus on areas that get the best return for your investment:

KITCHEN

PRIMARY BATH

OUTDOOR SPACES