

Let's showcase your home.

Here are some quick and easy tips for preparing your home for the market:

Inside your home —

- Paint rooms for a fresh look
- Deep clean the carpeting and drapes
- Make sure all lights work and light switches are clean and easy to access
- Fix any dripping faucets
- Secure or remove all medications, firearms, cash, jewelry and financial information
- Close toilet lids and place matching towels in bathrooms
- Replace old caulking around bathtub and shower
- Spray lubricant on all squeaking doors, windows, closets and cabinets
- Make beds daily
- Remove as many clothes from closets as possible
- Set the dining room table and organize pantry
- Vacuum the garage, basement, rafters and all floors
- Remove appliances from kitchen counters
- Have the home professionally cleaned
- Depersonalize, and follow staging advice

Outside your home —

- Keep sidewalks clear and clean of snow and ice
- Replace any broken shutters, gutters and remove any debris
- Repair and paint any surface that is blistering or peeling
- Repaint or restain the front door to create a pleasant first impression
- Polish or replace house numbers
- Place new door mats at all exits
- Move cars, boats, trailers, and other vehicles from the driveway
- Remove patio furniture and grills that are in disrepair
- Uncover any outdoor items that will be photographed
- Make sure cushions in chairs are arranged
- Remove any unattractive potted plants/hanging baskets
- Store hoses out-of-sight or roll up neatly
- Trim bushes and trees to maximize view of the house
- Remove yard signs (e.g. campaign signs and school signs)
- If patio umbrellas block the view they should be closed
- Close garage doors