

STAGING YOUR HOME

How to help sell your home faster

1. First Impressions Count:

Spruce up your entrance way: add seasonal colour, a welcome mat, power wash the walk-way and clean the door.

Take the time to add curb appeal by trimming trees and bushes as necessary. Make sure to mow the lawn and to weed the garden.

2. Sell the space:

De-clutter your home. Start packing up the items that fill your shed, garage, basement, closets, shelves, and counters.

Make sure all lights are working.

Set the heat in your home to a reasonable temperature so that it is warm when being viewed.

Air out your home to ensure removal of any unsavoury smells.

Make sure pets are removed from the home locked in a particular room or placed in the yard as necessary for their safety as well as for the comfort of those viewing your home.

Remove decorative items that make the space in your home appear smaller than it really is.

If you have too much furniture in any of the rooms you may want to consider putting it in storage.

To make rooms look bigger and brighter, open curtains and blinds and turn on lights.

3. Cleaning:

Thoroughly clean your home. Get rid of any and all cob webs, wash down all interior and exterior doors, wipe down walls as necessary and clean all appliances. This list could go on forever so take a look around and get cleaning.

4. Painting:

As necessary and in neutral colours (money well spent).

5. Decks, Patios, Walkways and Siding:

Power wash as necessary.

Clean-up any outdoor furniture and de-clutter if required.

Make any repairs to rotten or loose boards or railings, paving stones and siding.

6. Backyard:

Get rid of any empty plant boxes, pots and unhealthy plants.

Prune and trim trees and shrubs.

Remove any items left under decks or in the yard and store properly.

Remove any debris that has accumulated or has been stored in the yard.

7. Room Makeover:

Consider window treatments such as new window hardware, sheers, drapes and decorative fabric treatments.

Consider the purchase of a new bedspread. Inexpensive updates such as changes in light fixtures and door and cabinet hardware.

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