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Home Preparation Checklist

Room by room, these are the high-impact steps that help your home show beautifully and photograph even better. Focus on the items that shape a buyer's first impression — you do not need to do all of them.

CURB APPEAL & EXTERIOR

- ☐ Mow, edge, and freshen landscaping; trim overgrown shrubs
- ☐ Pressure-wash driveway, walkways, and exterior surfaces
- ☐ Paint or touch up the front door; polish house numbers and hardware
- ☐ Clean windows inside and out; repair torn screens
- ☐ Clear gutters and remove any yard clutter or toys
- ☐ Add fresh mulch and a few potted plants near the entry

DECLUTTER & DEPERSONALIZE

- ☐ Remove excess furniture to make rooms feel larger
- ☐ Clear countertops, shelves, and closets by at least half
- ☐ Pack away family photos, collections, and personal items
- ☐ Organize closets and pantry; buyers will look inside
- ☐ Remove or relocate oversized or worn furniture

DEEP CLEAN

- ☐ Deep-clean kitchen appliances, cabinets, and sink
- ☐ Scrub bathrooms; re-caulk tubs and showers if needed
- ☐ Clean or replace grout; polish fixtures and mirrors
- ☐ Steam or shampoo carpets; mop hard floors
- ☐ Eliminate pet, smoke, and cooking odors

REPAIRS & SMALL FIXES

- ☐ Fix leaky faucets, running toilets, and slow drains
- ☐ Replace burned-out bulbs; match color temperature throughout
- ☐ Repair squeaky doors, sticking windows, and loose handles
- ☐ Patch nail holes and touch up scuffed paint

- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

FINAL STAGING TOUCHES

- ☐ Open blinds and turn on lights before every showing
- ☐ Set a neutral, comfortable temperature
- ☐ Add fresh towels, neutral bedding, and simple decor
- ☐ Remove valuables, medications, and personal documents
- ☐ Do a final walk-through as if you were the buyer