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Preparing Your Home

Exterior

The condition of your home's exterior is most important when it comes to buyer appeal.

- House number should be easy to read
- Lights on timers to ensure house is lit up after sunset
- Eaves, troughs and downspouts in good repair
- Garage/carport clean and tidy
- Litter picked up
- Cracked or broken window panes replaced
- Doorbell and door hardware in good repair
- Touch-up trim paint on doors, window frames, fascia, etc
- Mow, edge and weed the lawn frequently until the home is sold
- Overgrown shrubbery should be cut back to show as much of the exterior as possible
- A low-cost investment in seasonal flowers or ground cover will add a personal touch
- Stucco water stains can be repaired using a mild bleaching agent
- Inspect the roof for necessary repairs and any visible broken shingles or tiles
- Fences should be mended and painted
- Wash all windows inside and outside

Interior

Warm and welcoming!

- Chipped plaster and paint touched up and repaired
- Leaky taps and toilets repaired
- Burned out light bulbs replaced
- Squeaky doors oiled
- Mirrors, fixtures, and taps cleaned and polished
- Seals around tubs and basins in good repair
- Closets and cupboards neat and tidy
- All torn screens should be repaired or replaced
- Avoid repainting the entire house unless current colors are very loud or offbeat
- White or light pastels are the easiest to work with and they make your rooms look larger
- Countertops neat and polished
- Appliances cleaned

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