

Steps to Help with the Sale of Your Home

Inside of the Home:

- Test all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Have fireplace and chimney cleaned
- Replace light bulbs that are burned out or missing
- Clear away clutter
- Have furnace serviced and keep the service records handy
- Clear access to attic and crawl space
- Take care of routine home maintenance issues, such as stuck windows
- Touch up walls and ceilings--look for cracks or stains -
- Make sure stairs with more than three steps have secure handrails
- Check plumbing fixtures for leaks
- Ensure bathroom vents work correctly
- Clear out the area under all sinks

Outside of the Home:

- Clean out rain gutters
- Check to make sure downspouts direct water away from the foundation
- Trim bushes and trees so they don't touch the house
- Paint and touch up trim and exterior caulking
- Remove any piles of firewood or yard clippings
- Repair cracks in brick or block
- Ensure all exterior lighting is working and has bright bulbs
- Remove soil and mulch from contact with the house
- Check the safety of decks and handrails
- Check all windows for functionality
- Check all doors (including garage door) for functionality