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Small Upgrades & Repairs Make A Big Difference

Interior

Fix or replace cracked molding or floor tiles, leaking taps and toilets, loose doorknobs, squeaky door hinges, closets or screen doors that are off their tracks, bathroom lighting and hardware, toilet seats, loose caulking or grout.

Fix and touch-up walls, ceilings, and windows

Brighten interiors with a new coat of paint in light, neutral colors.

Shampoo carpets and rugs, replace if necessary.

Make sure major appliances are in good working order.

Clean or replace switch and outlet plates and register vents.

Add closet organizers or shelving to make closets more functional and spacious looking.

Add organizers or shelving to garage.

Clean or re-paint concrete floor and walls.

Clean water heater and change air filter.

Exterior

Fix or replace anything damaged or worn, such as patio and deck, gutters and eaves, windows, shutters, screens, storm doors, light fixtures, porches and steps, walkways and fences.

Touch up all exterior paint or if needed, re-paint the house.

Fix doorbells, tighten loose doorknobs and oil squeaking hinges.

Clean or paint front door, polish front door hardware, replace "Welcome" mat if necessary.

Green-up dry lawn patches, plant extra flowers for color, place potted plants beside the front door.

Reorganization & Maintenance, The Obvious That Needs Doing

Interior

Clean and tidy the entrance, clear stairs and halls.

Create space by storing excess furniture.

Remove from closets, cabinets and shelves any clothes and other items you will not need until after moving. Pre-pack and store if possible.

Thoroughly clean everything in and out of sight.

Remove all odors and add air freshener and dishes of potpourri for scent.

Exterior

Mow and rake the lawn, trim hedges and shrubs, weed and edge gardens.

Clean sidewalks and driveway, remove any litter.

Remove unnecessary items from the exterior of house.

Clean off outdoor furniture and remove any in poor repair.

If you have a pool, make sure it is clean and functioning well.

Clear out the garage, throw out all unnecessary items, and then thoroughly organize and clean everything that remains.

A Few Words About Clutter

For most buyers, cluttered homes tend to look smaller, less full of air and light, and somehow requiring more maintenance. Conversely, clutter-free homes generally seem brighter, more open and spacious, perhaps cleaner and requiring less work. Additionally, clutter free homes can make it easier for buyers to visualize their own interior design ideas, as well as the placement of all their belongings.