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# THE SELLING ROADMAP



## INTERVIEW

Find the right real estate agent for you



## **PRICING**

Use CMAs in the area to determine a sale price for your home



## **STAGING**

Prepare your home for photos for its debut on the market



## MARKETING

Ads, social media, open houses, yard signs are used to ensure exposure



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Your home will go live on the Multiple Listing Services, giving all agents access to view



## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

Professional photographs to capture your home and make it marketable online



## **OFFER**

We will review all offers received and make sure you understand the terms of each contract



## UNDER CONTRACT

After an offer is accepted, your home will be officially under contract



## **NEGOTIATIONS**

We will negotiate any repairs or requests made by the buyer



## **CLOSING**

Hooray! Time to hand over the kevs to the new owners.

# PHOTO PREP

#### GENERAL

- Clean all windows and mirrors
- Switch on all interior lights and open curtains
- Eliminate clutter and depersonalize the rooms

#### **EXTERIOR**

- Remove dead plants, leaves, branches from the lawn
- Mow the lawn
- Trim and tidy up the shrubs/plants
- Remove papers from the front yard
- Remove toys, hoses, and garbage bins
- Move vehicles, boats, etc. into the garage and out of driveway
- Make sure dogs are safely put up
- Remove the signs in the front lawn
- Clean the pool and remove the pool vacuum
- Straighten outdoor furniture
- Turn on all outdoor lighting, including pool lights

#### INTERIOR

#### Kitchen

- Remove mats, towels, cleaning supplies, and soaps
- Declutter the counter
- Remove any bins and food
- Remove clutter from the outside of the fridge

## Living Room

- Place the furniture in the most aesthetically pleasing position
- Put away remotes, gaming systems, and toys
- Remove tablecloths, lounge covers, armrest covers
- Remove ornaments, bean bags, and pet beds
- Remove excessive furniture

#### Bathrooms

- Remove bathmats, bins, and cleaning products
- Remove soaps, personal hygiene products
- Hang a clean towel neatly on the towel rack

### Bedrooms

- Make beds with your best linens and straighten pillows
- Ensure the bedside lamps are switched on
- Remove any bins and children's toys





## PREPARING YOUR HOME

#### **EXTERIOR**

- Keep the grass freshly cut during the spring-fall months
- Keep the sidewalks/driveways/paths cleared of snow in the winter
- Porch swept and put an attractive mat for people to wipe their feet
- Remove all yard clutter
- Apply fresh paint/stain to wooden fences
- Paint the front door
- Weed and apply new mulch to garden beds
- Clean windows inside and out
- Wash or paint (if necessary) home's exterior
- Tighten and clean all door handles and light fixtures
- Ensure gutters/downspouts are firmly attached

#### **INTERIOR**

- Remove excessive wall hangings, furniture and knick-knacks
- Remove all/most "personal" items (photos, etc.) in order to help prospective buyers see themselves in your home
- Clean or paint walls/ceilings
- Shampoo carpets
- Clean and organize cabinets and closets remove everything "excessive"
- Repair all plumbing leaks, including faucets and drains
- Bathtubs, showers, and sinks should be freshly caulked. The grout should be clean and in good condition.
- Clean all light fixtures and put bright bulbs in every socket. Buyers like bright and cheery.
- Clean ashes out of fireplace if applicable

# CHECKLIST FOR MOVING

GIVE ADDRESS CHANGE TO:	<ul><li>Post Office</li><li>Charge Accounts/Credit Cards</li><li>Subscriptions: Notice requires several weeks</li><li>Friends and Relatives</li></ul>
BANK	Transfer funds, arrange check cashing in new city
INSURANCE	<ul> <li>Notify company of new location for coverage's; Life, Health, Fire and Automobile Insurance</li> </ul>
UTILITY COMPANIES	<ul><li>Gas, Electric, Water, Telephone, and Fuel</li><li>Get refunds on deposits made</li></ul>
MEDICAL, DENTAL, PRESCRIPTION HISTORIES	<ul> <li>Ask Doctor and dentist for referrals</li> <li>Transfer needed prescriptions, eyeglasses, and x-rays</li> <li>Obtain birth control, medical records, etc.</li> </ul>
DON'T FORGET TO:	<ul> <li>Empty freezer</li> <li>Clean Refrigerator (Place charcoal to dispel odors)</li> <li>Have appliances serviced for moving</li> <li>Clean rugs or clothing before moving (have them wrapped for moving)</li> <li>Insurance coverage, packing and unpacking labor, arrival day, various shipping papers, method and time of expected payment</li> <li>Leave all keys, garage door openers, pool keys, etc. at the property or with your realtor for the new owner</li> </ul>
ON MOVING DAY:	<ul> <li>Carry some cash to make sure you have your debit or credit cards to cover cost of moving services and expenses until you make banking connections in the new city.</li> <li>Carry jewelry and documents yourself or use registered mail.</li> </ul>
AT YOUR NEW ADDRESS:	<ul> <li>Plan for transporting pets; they are poor traveling companions if unhappy</li> <li>Double check closets, drawers, and shelves to be sure they are empty</li> <li>Check on service for telephone, internet, cable, gas, water, and electricity</li> <li>Check pilot light on stove, water heater, incinerator, and furnace</li> <li>Have new address recorded on driver's license/apply for state driver's license</li> <li>Register your vehicles within 30 days to avoid penalties</li> <li>Register Children with the school district</li> <li>Arrange for medical services: doctor, dentist, specialist</li> </ul>

# NEXT MEETING

Please locate the following items and have them ready for our next meeting (if applicable):

- An extra key (or two is best). One to place in the lockbox and one to put in our office for a backup.
- A survey of your property
- Any loan information you have for payoff
- Any receipts for recent repairs done on the property.
- Completed Input Sheet submitted via the link emailed to you
- Any questions that you may have for me.

