

# Checklist for Preparing to Sell Your Home

## De-clutter

- Clear off kitchen and bathroom counters, leaving only decorative items.
- Clean out and rearrange medicine cabinet, closets, cupboards, pantry and drawers to make them look roomier.
- Remove large furniture and other items that make rooms appear small and cramped.
- Rearrange rooms to advertise their purpose (remove exercise equipment from the office).
- Remove personal items such as family photos, refrigerator clutter, certificates and awards, books and DVD collections.

## Clean the Home Thoroughly

- Remove odors.
- Wash or paint the walls.
- Wash the windows.
- Launder or dry clean rugs and drapery.
- Clean out the fireplace.
- Make the bathroom and kitchen sparkle.
- Clean carpets.
- Clean baseboards.

## Increase Curb Appeal

- Make the front porch look as inviting as possible.
- Fertilize, edge and mow the lawn.
- Rake debris from the beds and add fresh mulch.
- Consider new landscape plants that add a pop of color to the yard.

## Next Steps

- Hire a home stager or do it yourself.
- Order a home inspection.
- Make the necessary repairs.
- Interview real estate agents.
- Create a brag book.