

Preparing Your Home to Sell

Outside Your Home

Pressure wash the house and fencing if dingy and dirty or showing green algae.

Repair any broken fencing and spray or trim weeds.

Cut the lawn every week during the marketing period. Bush Hog fields periodically.

Edge the lawn up the driveway and along the sidewalks (both front and back) for a finished look.

Trim all shrubbery and remove low lying tree limbs.

Fertilize your lawn to make grass look lush and green.

Replace downed shutters, gutters, downspouts. Remove debris from gutters and downspouts.

Paint any trim that is blistering.

Repaint or re-stain the front door to create a pleasant first impression.

Inside Your Home

REMOVE CLUTTER!! Less is more!

If there are too many appliances on the kitchen counter, put away some to expose maximum counter space.

Pre-pack items that may clutter your home. Extra toys in the children's room and knick-knacks may actually make rooms appear smaller than they are.

Paint walls and trim only the rooms that look fingerprinted, stained, worn, or faded. Clean the others well.

Have the wall to wall carpets and draperies cleaned.

Fix any dripping faucets. Perhaps only a new washer is needed.

Replace old caulking around the bathtubs. This can be done with on tube of new caulking and putty knife.

Spray lubricant on all squeaking doors, windows, closets and cabinets.

Store out of season clothing so the closets do not have a cluttered look.

Remove items from the floor of walk-in closets so that prospects can have easy access.

Stack all items in the basement and garage against the wall to show maximum space.

Vacuum the garage, basement, rafters and all floors.

Clean your home from top to bottom. A professional cleaning service can do this for you.