

IN HOME APPOINTMENT CHECKLIST



PHOTOS/VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

INTERIOR

- Declutter as much as possible—less is more! Store extra furniture and large items in closets or the garage.
- Make sure all lights are working and turned on. Turn off ceiling fans.
- Hide all pet-related items like bowls, bedding, toys, and leashes.
- Remove holiday or seasonal decorations. Hide dehumidifiers and floor fans.
- Remove or secure pets during the appointment to avoid distractions.

KITCHEN & BATHROOMS

- Clear off counters—one decorative item per counter can look great.
- Remove items like high chairs, trash cans, rugs, and mats.
- Take down personal photos, magnets, and notes from the fridge or bulletin boards.
- Hide shampoo, soap, razors, toilet plungers, and other personal items.
- Only leave towels if they're neatly hung and complement the space.
- Close shower curtains, lower toilet seats, and ensure toilet paper is tidy.

BEDROOMS & LIVING AREAS

- Clear personal items like hygiene products from nightstands and dressers.
- Close all closet doors and hide children's toys.
- Hide trash cans, power strips, and visible cords.
- Ensure tags on pillows and rugs are hidden, and turn any branded items away from view.
- Clean the area around the washer and dryer for a polished look.

EXTERIOR

- Mow the lawn and remove any visible debris or garden hoses.
- Arrange deck and patio furniture neatly and remove the grill cover.
- Place trash, recycling, and yard waste bins in the garage and close the door.
- Remove cars, boats, trailers, RVs, and large containers from the driveway.
- Clear the front walkway and entry of any debris, snow, or leaves.
- Hide pet-related items and yard tools to keep the space tidy.

HOME INSPECTION

- Provide easy access to the attic, furnace, water heater, and sump pit areas.
- Turn on the fireplace pilot light if applicable.
- Clear sinks, tubs, and shower areas, and empty cabinets under sinks if possible.
- Clean window sills and frames for a polished look.
- If applicable, de-winterize any systems, including outdoor faucets.
- Remove or kennel pets for the duration of the appointment.
- For safety, inform the inspector of any non-functional or hazardous systems.