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INSPECTIONS™

# HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME TO SELL

Sell your home quicker with the  
GPI seller's checklist.



## EXTERIOR

- 🏠 Ensure downspouts are directed away from the home
- 🏠 Check steps for loose bricks or wood
- 🏠 Check exterior faucets for leakage
- 🏠 Ensure the caulk around windows and doors is in good condition
- 🏠 Consistently clear sidewalks and mow your lawn
- 🏠 Re-paint faded areas, ensure visitors can clearly read your house number
- 🏠 Consider adding flower pots to brighten up your doorstep

## BASEMENT, GARAGE AND CRAWLSPACES

- 🏠 Look for foundation cracks on interior walls
- 🏠 Check that crawlspace is properly vented to exterior
- 🏠 Check that exposed pipes in crawlspace are adequately insulated
- 🏠 Clear any cobwebs and dust
- 🏠 Declutter - consider renting a temporary storage unit
- 🏠 Move tools, boxes and other items away from walls
- 🏠 Check that the automatic garage door opener functions properly
- 🏠 Check that the automatic garage door opener stops properly for obstacles

## ATTIC

- 🏠 Ensure there are no signs of water intrusion (wood rot, staining, etc.)
- 🏠 Check for proper insulation levels and installation

- 🏠 Ensure that plumbing, exhaust or appliance vents do not terminate in the attic
- 🏠 Have open electrical splices repaired by a licensed electrician

## BATHROOM

- 🏠 Declutter the under-sink cabinets and storage closets
- 🏠 Fill sink basin, drain and check for leaks
- 🏠 Fix leaky faucets and pipes under sink; polish faucets and mirrors
- 🏠 Repair caulk on sinks, shower and tub
- 🏠 Ensure outlets are equipped with GFCIs
- 🏠 Check for adequate flow and pressure in all fixtures
- 🏠 Check toilet for proper operation and stability
- 🏠 Check for evidence of leaks around base of shower or bath

## KITCHEN

- 🏠 Check built-in appliances for proper functionality
- 🏠 Check for signs of water leakage
- 🏠 Check for adequate flow and pressure in sink
- 🏠 Fill sink basin, drain and check for leaks
- 🏠 Ensure outlets are equipped with GFCIs
- 🏠 Check that cabinets are decluttered and in good condition
- 🏠 Ensure exhaust fan is working and vented outside

## ALL ROOMS

- 🏠 Check that all windows open and close correctly; make sure coverings hang level
- 🏠 Check windows for broken thermal seals (fogged glass) or cracks
- 🏠 Vacuum, mop and dust frequently; declutter - consider renting a temporary storage unit
- 🏠 Consider painting your walls a neutral color
- 🏠 Ensure all outlet covers are in good condition (no cracks or loose covers)
- 🏠 Check that all light switches operate properly, replace all burned out light bulbs
- 🏠 Make sure that all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly
- 🏠 Patch any drywall holes
- 🏠 Clean and re-stretch carpeting if needed
- 🏠 Keep all receipts and documentation of repairs
- 🏠 Locate user manuals and warranty information for appliances and components

**You're now ready for your inspection! Contact your local GPI inspector today.**