

SPRING MARKET CHECKLIST

EXTERIOR:

- Inspect roof for missing, loose, or damaged shingles and leaks. If looking worn, budget in the cost to repair or replace.
- Clean windows and door screens
- Power-wash windows and deck
- Refinish the deck, patio, or terrace
- Remove leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts
- Check loose or leaky gutters and downspouts. Improper drainage can lead to water in the basement or crawl space
- Probe any wood trim around windows, doors, railings, and decks for loose nails or screws
- Remove clutter and sweep the walkways, steps and driveway
- Tidy up the garage, including sweeping out debris and dirt

INTERIOR:

- Change the filter(s) in air-conditioner unit and furnace
- Clean windows and door screens
- Replace the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Inspect sink, shower, and bath caulking for deterioration
- Vacuum lint from dryer vent
- Polish wood furniture, and dust light fixtures
- Replace burnt out light bulbs and fix faulty switches
- Dust or launder window treatments and blinds
- Change bed linens and rotate mattresses
- Clean out fireplace(s): remove old ashes and clean glass or screen
- Oil any hardware and tighten door knobs.

A FEW AREAS TO FOCUS ON:

KITCHEN

- Cook-top/stove, refrigerator, sink should be spotless; all work space clear.

BATHROOMS

- Neat, spotless and fresh; repair missing grout around tub/shower.

CLOSETS

- Organize. Untidy or over-crowded closets suggest inadequate storage space.

CHILDREN'S BEDROOMS

- Remove posters, store toys, make beds, open curtains.