GETTING YOUR HOUSE READY TO GO TO MARKET

FIRST IMPRESSIONS - The Drive Up
- House exterior in good repair
- House number easy to see
- Eavestroughs, down spouts and soffits painted and in good repair
- Garage/Carport clean and dry
- Cracked or broken window panes replaced
- Windows washed

SEASONAL
- Lawns cut and raked; hedges and shrubs trimmed; gardens and walkways weeded and edged
- Leaves raked; walks swept; decks and patios cleared of leaves and debris
- Snow and ice cleared; walkways sanded or salted

GARAGE
- Seasonal equipment properly organized
- Garage door clean/repainted
- Ensure the door operates smoothly
- Remove cob-webs

AT THE FRONT DOOR
- Door easy to unlock
- Doorbell works
- Door hardware in good repair
- Porch and foyer clean and dry
- No shoes/boots lying about

BATHROOMS
- Mirrors, fixtures and taps cleaned and polished
- Leaky taps and toilets repaired
- Seals around tubs and basins in good repair/re-caulked if necessary
- Floors cleaned, waste containers emptied
- Flush and close toilets
- Inside of cupboards and cabinets clean and neat and de-cluttered
- Towels clean and matching
- Clutter put away - better yet pack it away - you are moving!

INTERIOR MAINTENANCE
- Cracked plaster repaired/drywall repaired
- Chipped paint touched up/walls washed if soiled
- Door knobs and cupboard latches tight
- Furnace & hot water heater wiped down and cleaned
- Burned out light bulbs replaced
- Squeaky doors oiled
- Clean, dust and polish
- Organize closets & pack away last seasons clothes

KITCHEN
- Sinks and taps cleaned and polished, no dirty dishes or plates in the dishwasher or oven
- Appliances cleaned & polished
- Countertops cleared off as much as possible
- Position the microwave as not to clutter the countertop
- Stove fan cleaned and filter replaced
- Kitchen/dining table set to reflect the lifestyle
- Inside and outside cupboards and cabinets clean and neat
- Pack the Tupperware cupboard
- Small appliances put away
- Pack pots and pans that you are not using
- Clutter put away

BASEMENT
- Use 60 - 100 watt light bulbs in all light fixtures
- Floor clean/painted
- Furnace polished, filter replaced and ductwork cleaned
- Storage area neat and tidy - remove all junk
- Electrical panel cleared
- Cobwebs swept from floor joists
- Windows and Walls cleaned
- Leave a copy of the utility bills out for viewing.

BEDROOMS
- Cleaned, painted if required
- Closets organized, clean
- Beds made
- Clutter put away, better yet...pack it

VALUABLES
- Valuables locked safely away or taken with you, (out of sight, out of mind)
- Move valuables from top drawer of your bureau or chest of drawers

HELP ME SELL YOUR HOME
- Turn on all lights
- Open drapes in the daytime, close them at night
- Air conditioner turned on in warm weather
- Fireplace lit in cooler weather
- Hall and stairs cleared of all clutter
- Turn off the TV and play background music quietly (soft rock)
- Carpets freshly vacuumed and all hardwood polished