

CURB APPEAL CHECKLIST

- Rake up and throw out any old leaves and yard debris.
- Clean the gutters. (The cleanliness of your gutters may be viewable from your upstairs windows.)
- Pick up pet droppings.
- Put children's toys away.
- Clean and neatly arrange patio furniture, children's play equipment and BBQ equipment.
- Park your cars inside the garage or on the street (if permitted). (An open driveway gives the feeling of space and neatness.)
- Mow the lawn mowed and keep it neatly trimmed.
- Water and/or fertilize the lawn.
- Fill in bare areas of the lawn with seeding or sodding.
- Plant lots of flowers.
- Remove dead and dying flowers in existing flower beds.
- Add a fresh layer of mulch to flower beds.
- Trim any tree branches that are touching the house.
- Trim the bushes and shrubs and cut down or dig up any dead trees or bushes.
- Paint the outside of the house (if it needs it). (This is one of the best ways to add value and visual appeal to your home.)
- Sand down any rough spots and prime any bare wood on the exterior of the house.
- Paint the front door or replace the one you have. (The condition of the front door is "the most telling detail of the house.")
- Paint shabby shutter. (Shutters in vibrant colors like yellow, blue, green or red can really spice up the look of your home.)
- Replace broken or missing shutters.
- Add inexpensive additions like a brass knocker on the front door or small lanterns along the walkway.
- Replace the old, broken mailbox.
- Repair or replace railings.
- Replace rotten or dated window frames.
- Clean the outside of your windows.
- Repair or replace garage doors.(New garage doors give sellers a huge return on investment.)
- Repair or replace the roof. (Buyers always ask the real estate agent how old the roof is and want to know they won't get stuck with your postponed repairs.)
- Repair or replace your fence.
- Replace or remove the broken down shed.

- Tidy garden shed.
- Tidy wood piles.
- Test your doorbell and fix it (if it needs fixing).
- Replace the shabby welcome mat.
- Change out or add garden flags.
- Change out or add bird feeders.
- Check for and remediate (If necessary) mold or mildew on driveways, sidewalks, porches, patios, roof and on the siding of your home.
- Power wash the siding as well as the driveway, sidewalks, and patio and deck.
- Edge sidewalks.
- Kill any grass or weeds that are growing in between concrete and bricks.
- Clean the pool, remove pool toys and pick up anything around the pool.
- Remove the garden house and find an out-of-the-way spot for it.
- Tuck your trash and recycle cans away. (Keep them well hidden during showings.)