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HANDY HOUSE CHECKLIST

INTERIOR

- DE-CLUTTER, DE-CLUTTER, DE-CLUTTER!
- CLEAR ALL SURFACES SUCH AS KITCHEN BENCH TOPS AND BATHROOM VANITIES
- OPEN ALL CURTAINS AND WINDOWS
- CLEAN ALL WINDOWS (THIS ONE IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED BUT VERY IMPORTANT!)
- TURN ON ALL LIGHTS AND ENSURE THEY'RE WORKING
- REMOVE PERSONAL ITEMS SUCH AS FAMILY PHOTOS
- HIDE OR REMOVE POWER LEADS AND CHARGERS
- TURN OFF CEILING FANS
- REMOVE FLOOR MATS AND HALL RUNNERS (DECORATIVE RUGS ARE FINE)
- REMOVE PET BOWLS AND BEDS
- STORE EXCESS ITEMS AND FURNITURE IN THE GARAGE
- IF TIME IS LIMITED, SPEND LESS TIME CLEANING AND MORE TIME DE-CLUTTERING

BEDROOMS

- MAKE BEDS
- ADD AND ARRANGE CUSHIONS AND THROW PILLOWS
- CLEAR ITEMS FROM UNDER THE BED (THIS OFTEN SHOWS IN PHOTOGRAPHS)
- DE-CLUTTER BEDSIDE TABLES AND TURN LAMPS ON
- REMOVE PERSONAL ITEMS SUCH AS FAMILY PHOTOS
- TAKE DOWN ANY POSTERS

LIVING AREAS

- TURN OFF TVs
- HIDE REMOTES, MAGAZINES AND PAPERS
- REMOVE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
- HIDE GAME CONSOLES AND THEIR LEADS
- REMOVE EXCESS FURNITURE
- ADD FLOWERS OR FRUIT TO DINING TABLE

EXTERIOR

- MOW LAWNS AND SWEEP PATHS AND DECKS
- REMOVE CARS FROM DRIVEWAYS AND GARAGES
- CLEAN ALL WINDOWS
- CLEAR GARDEN CLUTTER SUCH AS HOSES AND POOL CLEANERS
- REMOVE CHILDREN'S AND PET TOYS
- CLEAN OR REPLACE FRONT DOOR MAT
- PUT WHEELIE BINS OUT OF SIGHT
- REMOVE BBQ COVERS
- RAISE OUTDOOR BLINDS AND AWNINGS
- CLEAN POOL
- ARRANGE OUTDOOR FURNITURE AND OPEN UMBRELLAS
- TURN ON POOL AND DECK LIGHTS

BATHROOMS

- REMOVE FLOOR AND BATH MATS
- CLEAR VANITY SURFACES
- CLEAN SHOWER SCREENS AND MIRRORS
- REMOVE ALL PERSONAL PRODUCTS FROM SHOWERS
- HIDE LAUNDRY BASKETS AND CLEANING PRODUCTS
- ADD ONE OR TWO DECORATIVE ITEMS SUCH AS CANDLES OR FRESH FLOWERS

KITCHEN

- DE-CLUTTER BENCH TOPS AND SHELVES
- REMOVE TEA TOWELS, DISHCLOTHS AND DISH RACKS
- REMOVE ANY VISIBLE BINS
- KEEP APPLIANCES TO A MINIMUM
- REMOVE MAGNETS AND PAPERS FROM THE FRIDGE DOOR
- ADD ONE OR TWO DECORATIVE ITEMS