

Home Preparation Checklist

ROOM/AREA	Step 1: REMOVE	Step 2: UPDATE & REPAIR	Step 3: ADD	Step 4: CLEAN
Entry Hall	Remove personal items, family photos, memorabilia, knick-knacks, shoe rack, clutter	Update or repair the front door, door handle, light fixtures	Install plug-in air freshener. Place a large potted plant on the floor or small plants on a table.	Clean all surfaces, fixtures, baseboards, trims, light switches, doorknobs, ceiling fans.
Living Room	Remove family photos, memorabilia, knick-knacks, toys,	Repair broken fixtures, ceiling fans, wall cracks/holes. Paint touch-up walls, baseboards and trims. Replace or steam clean old carpets.	Install plug-in air freshener. Place a large potted plant on the floor or small plants on a table. Add curated books or candles to the coffee table.	Clean all surfaces, fixtures, baseboards, trims, light switches, doorknobs, ceiling fans. Steam clean carpets. Buffer hard floors.
Kitchen & Dining	The counter place should be completely empty. Pack small appliances and kitchenware. Organize pantry & drawers. Remove kitchen mats and towels.	Repair broken fixtures, ceiling fans, wall cracks/holes. Paint touch-up walls, baseboards and trims. Update cabinet knobs and handles, if needed.	Add place settings and a center piece like a flower vase or fruit basket on the dining table.	Deep clean inside large appliances (fridge, oven, microwave, etc.), inside drawers, cabinets and pantries.
Game Room, Office	Remove family photos, memorabilia, knick-knacks, clutter books, diplomas, hobby items, etc.	Repair broken fixtures, ceiling fans, wall cracks/holes. Paint touch-up walls, baseboards and trims.		Clean all surfaces, fixtures, baseboards, trims, light switches, doorknobs, ceiling fans. Steam clean carpets. Buffer hard floors.
Bedrooms	Remove personal items, family photos, memorabilia, knick-knacks, clutter, etc.	Repair broken fixtures, ceiling fans, wall cracks/holes. Paint touch-up walls, baseboards and trims.	Install plug-in air freshener.	Clean all surfaces, fixtures, baseboards, trims, light switches, doorknobs, ceiling fans. Steam clean carpets. Buffer hard floors.
Bathrooms	Remove trash cans, bathmats, towels, shampoo/conditioner/soap bottles, shower accessories, personal hygiene products, etc.	Repair broken water fixtures, wall cracks/holes. Paint touch-up walls, baseboards and trims.		Deep clean showers, tubs, sinks, toilets, shower and floor tiles, and mirrors
Closets	Pack anything you won't need for the next three months.	Repair broken fixtures, ceiling fans, wall cracks/holes. Paint touch-up walls, baseboards and trims.	Use matching hangers	Steam clean carpets. Buffer hard floors.
Garage	Pack anything you won't need for the next three months.	Repair any broken items like garage openers or gates.		General cleaning
Front & Back Yard	Remove dead plants, weeds, yard art, tools, clutter, etc.	Repair any damaged brick or stucco, doors, sconces, and fences.	Add fresh (black) mulch and seasonal plants	Power wash driveways, walkways. Wash windows, screens, and doors. Trim trees and hedges. Mow the law.