

## **Ten Ways to Make Your House More Sellable**

- Get rid of clutter.**
- Throw out or file stacks of newspapers and magazines.**
- Pack away most of your small decorative items.**
- Store out-of-season clothing to make closets seem roomier.**
- Clean out the garage.**
- Wash your windows and screens to let more light into the interior.**
- Keep everything extra clean.**
- Wash fingerprints from light switch plates.**
- Mop and wax floors.**
- Clean the stove and refrigerator.**
- A clean house makes a better first impression and convinces buyers that the home has been well cared for.**
- Get rid of smells.**
- Clean carpeting and drapes to eliminate cooking odors, smoke, and pet smells. Open the windows.**
- Put higher wattage bulbs in light sockets to make rooms seem brighter, especially basements and other dark rooms.**
- Replace any burned-out bulbs.**
- Make minor repairs that can create a bad impression.**

\_\_\_\_ **Small problems such as sticky doors, torn screens, cracked caulking, or a dripping faucet may seem trivial, but they'll give buyers the impression that the house isn't well maintained.**

\_\_\_\_ **Tidy your yard.**

\_\_\_\_ **Cut the grass, rake the leaves, trim the bushes, and edge the walks.**

\_\_\_\_ **Put a pot or two of bright flowers near the entryway.**

\_\_\_\_ **Patch holes in your driveway and reapply sealant, if applicable.**

\_\_\_\_ **Clean your gutters.**

\_\_\_\_ **Polish your front doorknob and door numbers.**