Pre-Listing Checklist

Everything to handle before your home goes live

CURB APPEAL

- [ ] Mow, edge, and trim; remove weeds from beds
- [ ] Add fresh mulch and seasonal planters at the entry
- [ ] Power wash siding, walkway, driveway, and porch
- [ ] Clean or repaint the front door and replace worn hardware
- [ ] Ensure house numbers are visible and in good condition
- [ ] Clean exterior windows and window frames
- [ ] Repair fencing, railings, and loose steps
- [ ] Move garbage and recycling bins out of sight
- [ ] In winter: clear and salt all walkways, steps, and the driveway
- [ ] Clear gutters and check downspouts drain away from the foundation

WHOLE HOME

- [ ] Declutter every room by roughly a third
- [ ] Remove family photos, diplomas, and personal collections
- [ ] Address any pet or smoke odour at the source
- [ ] Organize closets and cupboards — buyers open everything
- [ ] Test every smoke and carbon monoxide alarm
- [ ] Deep clean carpets and wash all floors
- [ ] Clean or replace the furnace filter
- [ ] Put excess furniture in storage, not the basement
- [ ] Touch up scuffed paint and repair drywall dings
- [ ] Replace all burnt bulbs and match colour temperature throughout

KITCHEN

- [ ] Clear counters down to one or two styled items
- [ ] Clean inside the fridge, oven, microwave, and dishwasher
- [ ] Remove magnets, notes, and calendars from the fridge
- [ ] Organize the pantry and cabinet interiors
- [ ] Replace dated or damaged cabinet hardware
- [ ] Degrease the range hood and backsplash
- [ ] Empty and scrub the sink; polish the faucet

BATHROOMS

- [ ] Re-caulk tubs, showers, and sinks where discoloured
- [ ] Scrub and whiten grout
- [ ] Fix any dripping taps or running toilets
- [ ] Replace the shower curtain and hang fresh towels
- [ ] Clear counters completely of toiletries
- [ ] Clean exhaust fan covers

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BASEMENT, GARAGE & STORAGE

- [ ] Run a dehumidifier and address any musty smell
- [ ] Ensure adequate lighting throughout
- [ ] Organize storage so the space reads as usable
- [ ] Sweep the garage and clear the floor
- [ ] Document and repair any signs of past water entry

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