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DEEP CLEANING CHECKLIST FOR SELLING YOUR HOME

GENERAL

- Clean all walls - magic erasers are great!
- Clean and check light fixtures and replace bulbs
- Clean baseboards
- Clean windows and mirrors
- Wipe switch plates
- Clean appliances - inside and out
- Pack up unnecessary belongings and personal items
- Check basement, garage and porch for cobwebs
- Clean carpets

LIVING AREAS

- Apply fresh paint in neutral tones, touch up nicks & holes
- Clean and dust all surface areas and carpet
- Repair damages walls, tiles, woodwork, etc.
- Remove clutter, personal decorations, and photos
- Replace burned out lightbulbs

BEDROOMS

- Remove oversized furniture for more space
- Paint rooms to ensure gender and purpose neutrality
- Tidy up shelves, racks and closet space
- Ensure doors and drawers open and close easily
- Create an inviting space with great lighting
- Update bedding with clean, neutral coverlets and pillows

BATHROOMS

- Deep clean toilet, tub, shower and sink
- Clean mirrors, glass, chrome and porcelain surfaces
- Replace shower curtain with a new one. A simple white one is great!
- Repair any plumbing issues
- Clean tile, grout, and caulk. Replace if necessary

KITCHEN

- Clean oven, range, fridge and other appliances
- Clean tile and grout: replace if necessary
- Clean and declutter sinks and counter tops. If an item or appliance doesn't need to be out, put it away.

UTILITIES

- Clean furnace and replace filter. Have it serviced to make sure everything is in working order.
- Wipe down water heater
- Remove unnecessary clutter
- Dust all surfaces to appear well-maintained
- Fix any necessary issues

GARAGE

- Remove unnecessary clutter
- Tidy up shelves and work areas
- Fix any garage door issues
- Check locks on other exterior doors

LANDSCAPING

- Spruce up all garden areas
- Trim shrubs and trees
- Mow lawn and rake leaves or other debris
- Tidy patio and/or deck area
- Only showcase clean, nice outdoor furniture. Use inexpensive, colorful cushions and pillows
- Add fresh mulch

EXTERIOR

- Check house numbers and mailbox for damage
- Touch up siding if needed or desire
- Repair loose drainpipes, gutters, etc.
- Paint front door if needed
- Replace outdoor lights