THE ULTIMATE CHECKLIST TO PREPARE
SELLERS FOR A HOME INSPECTION

General

- [ ] All utilities turned on
- [ ] Clear access to attic, crawl space, garage walls & electrical panel
- [ ] Remove pets

Please note:
Buyers will most likely attend the home inspection. Do your best to have the home looking in great shape and tidy. Be aware of any dishes in the sink, cars inside the garage, etc.

Pro Tip:
Leave a few water bottles inside the kitchen so your guests have something to drink during inspection.

Exterior

- [ ] Ensure that all water drains away from the house
- [ ] Check for loose shingles & nail pops
- [ ] Ensure that the gutters are clean
- [ ] Check wood trim for softness & caulk
- [ ] Ensure handrails are tightened and secure
- [ ] Check steps for loose pavers or wood
- [ ] Check for fallen insulation on the ground in the crawl space
- [ ] Ensure hose bibs are not dripping or leaking
- [ ] Add anti-siphon attachment to hose bib if there isn't already one

Garage

- [ ] Check auto reverse feature on garage door
- [ ] Check garage walls for termites
- [ ] Ensure garage walls are clean

Interior

- [ ] Ensure windows can open and close properly
- [ ] Ensure windows can stay up on their own
- [ ] Check for broken seals and cracks
- [ ] Ensure outlet covers are tightly fastened
- [ ] Ensure the doors open and close properly
- [ ] Check drywall behind doors have no punctures from door handle
- [ ] Ensure fan doesn't wobble on each setting
- [ ] Check and replace all burned out lightbulbs
- [ ] Ensure carpet is thoroughly cleaned
- [ ] Check for any imperfections in walls/ceilings

Kitchens & Bathrooms

- [ ] Check sink for leaks
- [ ] Ensure disposal and dishwasher are working properly
- [ ] Check cabinet doors for looseness and rubbing
- [ ] Ensure stove burners and oven are functioning properly
- [ ] Check to see if counter and backsplash need caulking
- [ ] Check for loose tiles
- [ ] Check the toilet for cracks and loose toilet lids
- [ ] Ensure the toilet flushes and fills properly
- [ ] Make sure the hot and cold are labeled properly (hot on left)
- [ ] Check faucets for water pressure
- [ ] Check laundry connection for leaks
- [ ] Check water heater for leaks
- [ ] Check for missing breakers