

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Tips To Help Prepare Your Home For Sale

by Laurie Kilpatrick

(NAPSA)—How would a prospective buyer view your home? That's the first thing you should ask yourself before putting your home on the market.

A few small changes can make a big difference.

- Is it cluttered? Remove photographs and small items from tabletops; put away kitchen appliances and other items on countertops and tables; organize closets and cabinets; and remove furniture so rooms look bigger.

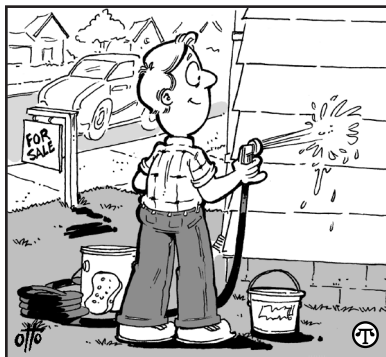
- Does your yard look messy? Neaten up the lawn and clean drain gutters.

- Is your home welcoming? Make your front entry attractive by painting the door; hanging a wreath; installing outdoor lighting to make your home attractive in the evening; and sweeping the driveway.

- Does your home smell good? When prospective buyers come to call, bake bread or simmer some vanilla or cinnamon-scented water on the stove.

- Does your home look dark? Take down heavy drapes and let the sun shine in.

- Does your home look appealing? Buy some live plants and paint dingy walls. Preparing your home for viewing may result in a



**Make sure your home is spotless for prospective buyers. Clean everything from windows and window coverings to gutters.**

better price and faster turnover.

Most importantly, homeowners should clean everything from their ovens to their window dressings. A multipurpose cleaner like OxiClean Versatile Stain Remover powder can be used to clean siding, gutters, unfinished decks, Venetian blinds, garbage disposals and stained countertops.

For more information, visit [www.misslauriessmartguide.com](http://www.misslauriessmartguide.com) or [www.oxiclean.com](http://www.oxiclean.com).

*Laurie Kilpatrick is a home-care expert who has managed homes and large estates for 20 years. She is also the author of "Miss Laurie's Smart Guide to House Cleaning."*