Invest your time to **remove the distractions** and make a strong impression on the buyers.

**Exterior Preparations:**
- Clean front door
- Clean sidewalks and driveway, repair all cracks
- Clean all gutters and ensure downspouts drain properly
- Ensure fence and deck are in good condition
- Mow lawn
- Pull weeds from flower beds and mulch
- Trim and prune hedges and trees
- Organize, clean and repair all lawn furniture
- Remove clutter from yard (childrens toys, dog toys, rakes, shovels, etc)
- Pick up all doggy deposits
- Touch-up exterior paint
- Replace/repaint mailbox
- Make sure the doorbell is working
- Check all outdoor light fixtures
- Stack wood piles neatly and out of the way
- Remove debris from the roof
- Check roof shingles and replace/repair if necessary
- Replace faded house numbers
- Check garage door and ensure it is in working order
- Clean chimney