

Home Listing Process Checklist

Your Complete Guide to Selling in North Texas

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Welcome to your comprehensive home listing checklist! This guide covers the complete 8-step process to successfully list and sell your property in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Each step includes actionable items and professional tips to maximize your home's value and minimize time on market.

1 Prepare Your Home

1-2 weeks

Get your property market-ready with staging, repairs, and improvements that maximize value.

Key Activities:

- ☐ Complete necessary repairs and maintenance
- ☐ Deep clean entire property
- ☐ Stage rooms to highlight best features
- ☐ Improve curb appeal with landscaping
- ☐ Declutter and depersonalize spaces

Pro Tips:

- First impressions matter - focus on entryway and exterior
- Neutral colors appeal to more buyers
- Remove personal items to help buyers envision themselves

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Professional Valuation

2-3 days

Determine the optimal listing price through comprehensive market analysis and property evaluation.

Key Activities:

- ☐ Comparative Market Analysis (CMA)
- ☐ Property condition assessment
- ☐ Market trends evaluation
- ☐ Pricing strategy development
- ☐ Competition analysis

Pro Tips:

- Price competitively from the start to attract serious buyers
- Consider recent sales within 3-6 months
- Factor in unique property features and improvements

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Marketing Strategy

3-5 days

Create compelling marketing materials to showcase your property across multiple channels.

Key Activities:

- ☐ Professional photography session
- ☐ Virtual tour creation
- ☐ Property description writing
- ☐ Marketing material design
- ☐ Online listing optimization

Pro Tips:

- High-quality photos can increase showing requests by 60%
- Virtual tours help pre-qualify serious buyers
- Highlight unique features and neighborhood amenities

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List Your Property

1-2 days

Officially list your property on MLS and major real estate platforms with all required documentation.

Key Activities:

- ☐ MLS listing creation and activation
- ☐ Property disclosure completion
- ☐ HOA documentation gathering
- ☐ Title and deed verification
- ☐ Listing agreement execution

Pro Tips:

- Complete disclosure protects you legally
- MLS exposure reaches 90% of active buyers
- Accurate property details prevent delays later

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Manage Showings

Ongoing

Coordinate property showings and open houses while collecting valuable buyer feedback.

Key Activities:

- ☐ Showing schedule coordination
- ☐ Open house planning and hosting
- ☐ Buyer feedback collection
- ☐ Security and safety protocols
- ☐ Property maintenance during showings

Pro Tips:

- Be flexible with showing times to accommodate buyers
- Keep property show-ready at all times
- Consider buyer feedback for potential adjustments

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Receive & Negotiate Offers

Variable

Evaluate incoming offers and negotiate terms to secure the best deal for your property.

Key Activities:

- ☐ Offer evaluation and comparison
- ☐ Buyer qualification verification
- ☐ Counteroffer strategy development
- ☐ Terms and conditions negotiation
- ☐ Contract acceptance and signing

Pro Tips:

- Consider all terms, not just price
- Verify buyer's financing pre-approval
- Quick response shows seller motivation

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Navigate Inspections

1-2 weeks

Manage the inspection process and negotiate any repair requests to keep the sale on track.

Key Activities:

- ☐ Inspection scheduling and coordination
- ☐ Report review and analysis
- ☐ Repair negotiation strategy
- ☐ Contractor coordination if needed
- ☐ Re-inspection management

Pro Tips:

- Address major issues before listing when possible
- Be prepared to negotiate on inspection items
- Quick responses keep transactions moving

Navigate the final steps from appraisal through closing to successfully transfer ownership.

Key Activities:

- ☐ Appraisal coordination and review
- ☐ Final walkthrough preparation
- ☐ Closing document preparation
- ☐ Utility transfer coordination
- ☐ Key and garage remote handover

Pro Tips:

- Keep property in same condition as when sold
- Be present for final walkthrough if possible
- Have all warranties and manuals ready for buyer

Required Documentation Checklist

Gather these documents early to streamline your listing process

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property deed and title information | <input type="checkbox"/> Property tax records (last 2 years) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowners insurance policy | <input type="checkbox"/> HOA documentation and fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property surveys and plot plans | <input type="checkbox"/> Warranty information for appliances/systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility bills (last 12 months) | <input type="checkbox"/> Home improvement receipts and permits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property disclosure forms | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead paint disclosure (if built before 1978) |

Estimated Selling Costs

Plan for these typical costs as a percentage of your sale price

5-6%

Real Estate Commission

1-2%

Closing Costs

1-3%

Preparation Costs

7-11%

Total Estimated

Ready to Get Started?

Contact 4Seasons Real Estate for a personalized listing consultation
We'll guide you through every step of the process to maximize your property value.

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