

Home Closing Checklist for Sellers

You may already have gathered all the paperwork you need for closing day, but there are a few other tasks to handle before you get to the closing table:

- Clean the entire house, including inside drawers and cabinets.
- Close utility accounts and have them shut off on the day of closing.
- Place all keys (house, mailbox, pool, etc.), garage remotes, alarm and gate codes, etc. in one place, such as a drawer closest to the refrigerator.
- Create a packet of appliance manuals, service contracts, warranties, etc. and place them in the same drawer.
- Visit usps.com/manage/forward.htm to direct the post office to forward your mail. Also, consider leaving a large, stamped envelope that's addressed to your new home so the buyers can forward any important mail that ends up at your former home.
- Cancel any newspaper/magazine subscriptions – or change your address for each of them.
- Do a final sweep of every drawer, cabinet, and surface to make sure you haven't left anything behind.
- Lock up the house, turn off the lights and close the blinds on the way out.
- Make a note to cancel homeowner's insurance after the closing is complete and the title has been transferred or the deed recorded.

