Southwest Washington



Top 10 Things a Seller Needs to Do Before Closing

1. Complete Agreed-Upon Repairs

 Finish all repairs or improvements negotiated in the purchase agreement. Provide receipts or contractor invoices as requested.

2. Provide Access for Inspections/Appraisal

 Ensure the property is available and in good condition for the appraiser, inspectors, and final walkthrough.

3. Gather Essential Documents

 Collect warranties, instruction manuals, permits, and receipts for appliances, systems, or recent upgrades for the new owner.

4. Clear Title Issues

 Work with your escrow/title company to resolve liens, unpaid taxes, or other encumbrances before closing.

5. Pay Off Debts on Property

 Arrange payoff for the mortgage, HOA dues, property taxes, or other outstanding obligations with Escrow.

6. Schedule Utilities Shutoff/Transfer

 Contact utility providers (electric, water, gas, trash, internet) to end or transfer service as of the buyer's possession date.

7. Deep Clean & Remove Personal Property

 Leave the home clean and Move-In Ready. Remove all belongings not included in the sale and dispose of trash.

8. Handle Keys, Remotes, & Codes

Gather house keys, mailbox keys, garage remotes, gate fobs, and alarm/security codes for the buyer.

9. Check the Contract One Last Time

Verify that everything promised to the buyer (fixtures, appliances, repairs) is ready and accounted for.

10. Stay in Communication with Your Agent & Escrow

• Respond quickly to last-minute requests for signatures, documents, or clarification to avoid delays.

Finally: Be Completely Moved-Out and Ready for the Buyer to Move-In on the "Closing Date"