

Prepare for Painters: Homeowner Checklist

Painter		Start date	
Phone		Rooms or areas	

One to two weeks before

Item	Done
Confirm colors and sheens for every room and surface, in writing	
Agree who moves furniture, who patches walls and what prep is included	
Confirm the start date, working hours and how many days the job should take	
Plan for pets and children while the work is going on	
Arrange parking for the crew vehicle and a place to stage equipment	
For exterior work, check whether your homeowners association needs to approve the colors	

The day before

Item	Done
Take down pictures, mirrors, clocks and shelves	
Remove small items, ornaments and anything fragile from the rooms	
Take down curtains and blinds, or agree that the painters will	
Move furniture out, or to the center of the room if it has to stay	
Empty closets that are being painted	
Vacuum floors and baseboards so dust does not blow onto wet paint	
Unplug and move electronics away from the walls	

The first morning

Item	Done
Walk the rooms with the crew lead and point out existing damage	
Confirm the colors once more against the order	
Show the crew the bathroom, water and power they can use	
Agree how they will reach you during the day	

Exterior jobs

Item	Done
Trim back plants and branches touching the walls	
Move patio furniture, grills, planters and decorations away from the house	
Park vehicles away from the walls, especially if anything is being sprayed	
Turn off sprinklers on painting days	
Keep pets indoors or away from the work area	
Close windows on the sides being painted	

Final walkthrough

Item	Done
Walk every room in daylight with the crew lead	
List anything that needs touching up and agree when it will be done	
Check switch plates and outlet covers are back on	
Keep the leftover paint, labeled by room, for future touch ups	
Pay the final amount once the list is finished	

Agreed with the painter (write it down)

Colors and sheens, by room	
Who moves furniture	
Prep and repairs included	
Who supplies the paint	
Working hours and access	
Payment schedule	

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