

Clean, De-Clutter and Stage Checklist

- Clean or purchase new front door accessories
- Clean the entryway carefully; it creates a buyers first impression
- Pack away personal items such as photos, trophies, mementos and “knick-knacks”
- Designate one clear purpose for each room
- Clean appliances inside and out
- Clean the inside of kitchen and bathroom cabinets and organize the contents
- Remove magnets, notes and artwork from the refrigerator
- Remove small appliances from kitchen countertops to give a look of spaciousness
- Put a fresh vase of flowers on the kitchen table
- Set the dining room table for a dinner party
- Clean all curtains, drapes and blinds
- Clean fireplace and prepare with logs for display; consider lighting it in colder months
- Clean windows and windowsills
- Doors should be oiled and squeak free
- Clean out the garage; remove oil from floors, straighten tools and equipment
- Take care of any insect problems
- Get rid of all odours (pets, food, and cigarette smoke)
- Have a garage sale and get rid of any unwanted items



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- If needed, put large furniture and extra items in storage
- Clean and dust baseboards
- Keep clothing hung neatly and shoes organized
- Clean out the entry closet except for a few hangers; lets buyers visualize winter coats
- Put cedar chips inside the closets
- Place mirrors strategically to add the illusion of extra space
- Keep shower curtains fresh and mildew free
- Make bathrooms sparkle; sinks, tubs and toilets should be immaculate
- Hang extra clean "for show" towels in all bathrooms
- Mop and sweep all floors
- Make all beds
- Place fresh flowers or potpourri around the house
- Display photos of your home in other seasons (especially summer photos in winter!)
- Remove pets from the home during showings
- Open drapes during the day and turn on all lights at night to illuminate the space
- Play soft music during showings
- Sit back and wait for the offers to start arriving!



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