

Open House Checklist

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For Sellers

- Secure valuables (tech devices such as laptops, tablets, phones), bills, spare keys to the house and prescription drugs
- Have all counter tops cleaned off. Remove countertop appliances such as toasters or coffee makers.
- Keys and personal items should be stored away.
- Declutter / put away everyday items: dishes, mail, shoes, coats, kids' toys, sporting equipment, etc.
- Take 15 minutes and organize / purge your fridge - because a buyer WILL look!
- Make sure the thermostat is set appropriately for the weather and make the home comfortable for showings.
- Play soft music
- Turn on all of the lights
- Organize toys or store them while your home is on the Market
- Less is more. Remove excess furniture if possible.
- Walkways to and from the home should be clean and clear.
- Make all of the beds.
- Take the trash out and consider hiding garbage cans.
- Minimize family photos
- Do a thorough cleaning - even if you have to hire a cleaning service
- Improve curb appeal: Mow the lawn and trim back overgrown shrubbery
- Make the bathrooms shine: Toilet seats down, clean mirrors and other glass surfaces.
- Put fresh flowers or flowering plants on the dining room table
- Offer snacks and water
- Take all the magnets and pictures off the refrigerator.
- Open the windows - buyers love lots of natural light
- Replace light bulbs that are burnt out. The better the lighting, the better the results.
- Hide feeding bowls, litter boxes, dog beds, etc.
- Do a final dusting, sweeping and vacuuming just before the open house or showing.