

Open House Checklist

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- ☐ Kitchen
 - ☐ Remove clutter from countertops to give the appearance of more space.
 - ☐ Freshen up kitchen walls with a coat of neutral paint
 - ☐ Remove outdated wallpaper
 - ☐ Repair damaged cabinet doors
 - ☐ Replace countertops that are stained or scratched
- ☐ Bathroom
 - ☐ Scrub floors, counters, toilets, sinks, bathtubs, showers, faucets, tiles and mirrors.
 - ☐ Remove clutter.
 - ☐ Remove wall-to-wall carpet and replace with neutral tiles.
 - ☐ Replace rusted or worn drains in sinks, bathtubs.
 - ☐ Replace rusted, or scratched sinks, bathtubs, toilets
 - ☐ Repair leaky toilets or showers.
 - ☐ Repair fan if it doesn't work.
 - ☐ Replace light fixture if outdated.
- ☐ Family Rooms
 - ☐ Clear clutter.
 - ☐ Clean or replace stained carpeting.
 - ☐ Remove water damage stains from ceiling.
 - ☐ Freshen up walls with a coat of paint.
 - ☐ Use sofa covers if furniture is torn.
 - ☐ Replace outdated ceiling light fixtures.
- ☐ Bedroom
 - ☐ Clear clutter.
 - ☐ Thin out clothes, shoes.
 - ☐ Clean or replace stained carpeting.
 - ☐ Replace outdated or worn bedding with contemporary duvets and pillows.
- ☐ Attic

- ☐ Sort through storage items and throw out or give away what you no longer need.
- ☐ Replace missing insulation.
- ☐ Garage
 - ☐ Clear out clutter to make room to park a vehicle.
 - ☐ Paint garage door.
- ☐ Open House Day
 - ☐ Keep drapes and shades open to let in the natural light.
 - ☐ Keep rooms neat and avoid clutter.
 - ☐ No dirty dishes in the sink or on countertops.
 - ☐ Keep toys in an organized fashion.
 - ☐ Keep bikes, wagons and skateboards out of the way.
 - ☐ Take the family out of the house during the showing, if possible.
 - ☐ Keep pets outdoors or caged when your house is being shown.
 - ☐ Let the real estate professional show your home.
 - ☐ When evening showings occur, have your home well-lit.
 - ☐ Make sure the temperature in your home is comfortable.
 - ☐ Turn on soothing music at a low volume.
 - ☐ Create a nice scent by grinding coffee beans or by baking cinnamon rolls.