

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 - Remove outdated wallpaper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 - Replace light fixture if outdated.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 - Replace outdated ceiling light fixtures.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 - Replace outdated or worn bedding with contemporary duvets and pillows.
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- 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.