



Checklist: Preparing Your Home For Sale

Interior

- Remove excessive wall hangings, furniture, and knickknacks (consider a temporary self-storage unit or you can store items in your garage if have one.)
- Clean and/or paint walls and ceilings.
- Shampoo carpets.
- Clean and organize cabinets and closets.
- Repair all plumbing leaks, including faucets and drain traps.
- Staging (if needed).

Photo-Ready Tips

- Turn on all interior lights and open all blinds. Make sure all light bulbs work or have been replaced.
- Clean vertical surfaces that reflect light, including mirrors, refrigerators, windows, television screens, etc.
- Hide all pet beds, toys, bowls, etc., in closet or storage container.
- Remove items other than non-religious framed art or décor hanging from walls.
- Note that items being moved from room to room will show in photos of other rooms, so please hide items in closets and/or storage areas that will not be photographed.

Kitchen

- Clear all countertops.
- Remove hanging dish towels and small area rugs.
- Hide garbage can along with pet food bowls, mats and other items.

Bedroom

- Make beds and ensure mattress or any objects under the bed are not showing.
- Hide all personal items such as books, phones, remotes, etc. (Tip: you can hide them under pillows.)
- We suggest that personalized décor be removed from children's rooms, so their names and pictures don't show in photos that will go on the internet.

Foyer

- Make it look as large as possible by removing shoes, coats, throw rugs, etc.

Dining Room

- If dining area is small, remove extra leaves from tables to make the room look larger.
- Show off the woodwork on the table by removing protector, tablecloths, or placemats.
- Remove extra dining room chairs so it doesn't look overcrowded or smaller than it really is.



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Living Areas

- Keep floors as clear as possible to emphasize the beauty of any flooring.
- Televisions and computer monitors are turned off and if portable, hide from view.
- Clear surfaces such as end tables and coffee tables of items that are not decorative, and hide all magazines, books, remotes, tissue boxes, etc.

Bathrooms/Water Rooms

- Wash all mirrors. Even the smallest splatter mark is magnified in photos.
- Hide trash can, toilet brush, bathmats, and plunger.
- Remove family bath and hand towels (Tip: Don't forget to remove the robe hanging on the back of the door.) You can keep clean decorative/nice towels hung neatly.
- Remove all toiletries from counter and the shower/tub area, such as shampoo bottles, razors, toothbrushes, etc.
- Make sure toilet paper roll isn't empty or hanging down off the roll

For Showings

- Turn on all lights.
- Open drapes in the daytime.
- Keep pets secured, or out of house.
- Play quiet background music.
- Light the fireplace (if seasonally appropriate).
- Infuse home with a spa-like scent.
- Vacate the property while being shown.