



Prepare for Showings



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Make a great first impression inside your home.

- ❑ Kitchens, bathrooms, floors and woodwork are the key. Keep these areas clean and in good condition.
- ❑ Keep ovens, stoves or surface units and all porcelain or stainless steel clean. Cabinet counter tops should be clean and kitchen accessories in order. Remove unnecessary clutter from counter tops.
- ❑ Whether you have hardwood floors, wall to wall carpet, tile or any combination, keeping them clean is important. Mop or sweep hardwood or tile. Vacuum carpets thoroughly, clean if needed
- ❑ Bathrooms are of great importance in the overall appearance of your home. If grout between tile has cracked and fallen out, it is best to re-caulk those areas. Remove unnecessary clutter from counter tops.
- ❑ Replace old furnace filters and remove any dust. accumulations from heat registers or vent covers.
- ❑ If doors stick or folding doors are off track, repair them.
- ❑ Storage is important to any prospective homeowner. Cluttered closets and other storage areas may accentuate a storage problem, especially in homes without basements. Clean out closets. Pack items you do not use, leaving only those needed before you move. sRemove unnecessary clutter from counter tops.
- ❑ Put all valuables in a secure place.
- ❑ If any rooms within the house are dark during daylight keep curtains or drapes open and if necessary, keep a lamp on. Also, make sure that all windows are clean. A bright, cheerful room is pleasing and gives an air of spaciousnessRemove unnecessary clutter from counter tops.
- ❑ If interior painting is necessary, use neutral colors.
- ❑ Tighten door knobs, window fittings and other hardware.
- ❑ Do not hide a problem; it will come back to haunt you. Cracks in walls or concrete, broken appliances, roof leaks or wet basements should be repaired.
- ❑ Keep all steps clear of any hazards.
- ❑ Make up beds with attractive spreads and dress up any windows in freshly laundered curtains.
- ❑ Keep pets out of way during showings.
- ❑ Pack personal photos. Too much seller personality prevents buyers from taking “personal possession” of a home.