

Checklist Before Showings

Outside:

- Front yard is neat, the grass mowed, and the leaves swept away.
- Toys, bicycles, trash cans put away and be sure the cars are out of the driveway.

Kitchen:

- Island and countertops clear to emphasize counter space.
- Clean countertops of small appliances and clutter (small appliances make the counter space disappear).
- Refrigerator clear of sports schedules, school lunch menus and magnets (they distract the buyers and make the room seem cluttered).
- Remove kitchen garbage can.
- Empty the sink, put the soap, dishes, and sponges away (at least for the photoshoot).

Bathrooms:

- Shower/bath items should be placed under the sink for the photoshoot.
- Clear the counters of electric toothbrushes, pill bottles, soaps, etc.
- Toilet lids down.

All Rooms:

- Make sure all the light bulbs are working properly (kitchen, bathroom, hallway, and bedrooms).
- These items should be out of view: cash, jewelry, and valuables.
- Open window blinds and drapes for light and to reveal the view unless your real estate professional has advised you otherwise.
- Turn all inside lights on (this makes the room feel clean and large).
- As much as possible, clear floors of stuff (mats, dog beds, etc.)
- Make the beds, put clothes in hamper and shoes in closet.
- Conceal garbage containers.
- Remove pet food bowls and most toys.
- Conceal cords (they may indicate a lack of outlets).



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