

Kitchen

Goal: Bright, airy, sparkling clean, and odour free!

One of the key “buying centres” of a house. The buyer should be able to visualize preparing meals and following a daily routine within the kitchen. Buyers do not want to think of everyday drudgery – they want to imagine good events, holidays or having guests over for dinner. They don’t want to think about washing dishes – they want to think about family time in the space.

Really Clean

- Stove top, oven and burners, fan, light and any detachables
- Microwaves, fridges and freezers – inside and out
- Floors, walls and baseboards
- Garbage containers – empty daily and wash out to prevent odours
- Windows and glass cupboards (including patio doors)
- All cupboards and counter tops
- Light switches and fixtures
- Faucets – shine them up
- Rust deposits at drip points if its porcelain
- Applying orange oil to unpainted or unvarnished wood
- Keeping the kitchen sink clean and empty on a daily basis
- Stained tile grout with bleach

Remove or Store

- All cleaning supplies hidden and out of sight
- All family photos, collections and personal items – pack away
- Tables, window ledges and counter tops free of all miscellaneous items
- Dirty towels, oven mitts
- Extra TVs, Radios and electronics
- Coffeepots, toasters, kettles, utensils, pots, and knives out of sight
- Fridge magnets and notes
- Condiments, spice racks and shakers
- All pet items, including water dishes and toys
- Check the tops of cupboards for items
- Keep floors bare or use one large rug to distract any unsightly floor patterns
- Identify what items you use on a daily basis and pack everything else
- Clear, clean and pack your cupboards of items seldom used

- Any extra shelving or storage units in the kitchen – these storage units may highlight the fact that there is not enough cupboard space
- Store kitchen knife block – safety

Replace or Repair

- Faucets for leaks and grit
- Sliding doors out to patios that do not slide easily
- Any tile or counter tops for damage
- Trim or edging that may be damaged
- Detachable parts of the stove including exhaust fans, filters and hoods

Review & Detail

- Remove leaves in tables to create more space if necessary
- Add a fresh flower arrangement or bowl of fruit
- Lighting is all on and light bulbs at maximum wattage
- Open up the blinds/drapes for every open house
- Kitchen work triangle