

Open House Checklist

- Keep sinks and counter tops neat and uncluttered. They must be clean and free of items on a daily basis
- Any dirty dishes are cleaned and put away into cupboards
- Put away any laundry and store dirty laundry in washer or a decorative laundry basket with a lid to hide the contents
- All personal photos and family pictures packed
- All collections and personal items stored
- Any valuable items taken to a safety deposit box
- Children's toys are picked up and placed in tidy bedrooms
- All ashtrays from every room
- Open the blinds/drapes for every open house
- Turn on every light for every showing, even during the day
- Make sure the light bulbs are working and have adequate wattage
- Turn on the air conditioning during the summer and the heat during the winter. Your house needs to be comfortable during open houses
- Empty all garbage containers, and check around outside the property
- All shoes and boots from the front entry and tidy closet
- Be sensitive to odours. Buyers certainly are! Cooking or smoking odours, cat or dog, baby, laundry and mildew odours turn off buyers.
- All pets need to be absent during every open house and all showings. Many buyers are allergic to animals or simply afraid of them. Store pet supplies.
- Homeowners and children are not home during open houses and showings
- Make all beds
- Play soft relaxing music throughout the house
- Wash and sweep decks, patios and walkways