



Open House Checklist

- Thoroughly clean the entire house.
- Turn on all interior and exterior lights.
- Clean all light fixtures that show dirt when turned on.
- Buy and display fresh flowers on your kitchen center island.
- Turn on music to an easy listening station.
- Open all curtains, raise all blinds to allow in natural light.
- Ensure that all surfaces in the kitchen and bathrooms are clear of items.
- Clean the bathrooms, toilet seats, shower stalls and wipe dry. Make sure that they are smelling nice by adding plug-in air fresheners.
- Leave bottled water and light snacks for visitors to your house to enjoy.
- Remove all small appliances, toys, magazines and pet items.
- Remove family photos, personal collections and medications.
- Secure valuable items, including cash and jewelry.
- Sweep the entryway and walkways.
- Plant colorful flowers and shrubs.
- Store any toys or equipment lying on the yard.
- Clean up pet droppings.
- Clear the countertops.
- Clean and organize the pantry, cabinets and drawers.
- Remove stains from sinks, toilets and bathtubs.
- Keep all toilet seat lids closed.
- Hang fresh towels.
- Bake cookies or burn scented candles.
- Open windows to let in fresh air.
- Turn off TVs.
- Relocate pets on the day of the open house.
- Refrain from smoking in the house.
- Remove rugs to show off hardwood floors.
- Pull back drapes to showcase nice views.
- Stage the front porch or deck with furniture and potted plants.
- If you have gas fireplace(s), turn them on for visitors to see.
- Clean the backyard and pool area.