

# Staging YOUR HOME for show

To make the best impression, keep your home clean, neat, uncluttered and in good repair. Please review this list prior to each showing:

1. Keep everything clean. A messy or dirty home will cause prospective buyers to notice every flaw.
2. Clear all clutter from counter tops.
3. Let the light in. Raise shades, open blinds, pull back the curtains and turn on the lights.
4. Get rid of odors such as tobacco, pets, cooking, etc., but don't overdo air fresheners or potpourri. Fresh baked bread and cinnamon can make a positive impact.
5. Send pets away or secure them away from the house, and be sure to clean up after them.
6. Close the windows to eliminate street noise.
7. If possible you, your pets, and your children should be gone while your home is being shown.
8. Clean trash cans and put them out of sight.
9. If you must be present while your home is shown, keep noise down. Turn off the TV and radio. Soft, instrumental music is fine, but avoid vocals.
10. Keep the garage door closed and the driveway clear. Park autos and campers away from your home during showings.
11. Hang clean attractive guest towels in the bathrooms.
12. Check that sink and tub are scrubbed and unstained.
13. Make beds with attractive spreads.
14. Stash or throw out newspapers, magazines, junk mail.