

## MASTER BEDROOM

- ☑ Make bed, including decorative pillows/bedding if available
- ☑ Press bed linens and bed skirts
- ☑ Clear bedside cabinets of all personal items
- ☑ Store away phone/tablet charging cables
- ☑ Remove all clutter from top of dressers/wardrobes
- ☑ Remove family photos from walls if not wanted in the photograph
- ☑ Clean under bed, removing items that may show in the photos

## OTHER BEDROOMS

- ☑ Remove wall stickers/posters
- ☑ Tidy up toys
- ☑ Clean under bed, removing items that may show in the photos

## BATHROOMS

- ☑ Clear tops completely. No soap, toothbrushes, medications, deodorant, etc.
- ☑ Put toilet seats down & close cupboard doors
- ☑ Remove shampoo, soap, loofahs, etc. from showers and tubs
- ☑ Remove dirty towels - leave out only new, unused towels
- ☑ Remove floor mats
- ☑ Clean showers/screens thoroughly of limescale (will show up)



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# PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR SHOWINGS

First impressions are extremely important and house showings can be scheduled without much advance notice. Ideally, your home should be kept spotless while it's listed for sale, so you want to be prepared to show the house whenever someone calls.

While cleaning is the most obvious step in preparing your house for showings, it's only one of several things to do before inviting prospective buyers into your home. The following is a guideline to help you make your home look it's best to get the highest price a buyer will pay.



## GENERAL

- ✔ Thoroughly clean whole house (vacuum carpet, mop hard floors, clean countertops, clean windows)
- ✔ Replace all burned out light bulbs
- ✔ Turn all TVs OFF
- ✔ Turn all computer screens OFF
- ✔ Open blinds/window treatments to let in outside light
- ✔ Remove personal photographs if not wanted in view
- ✔ Make all beds (also hide/remove items in view under the bed)
- ✔ Remove small floor rugs to reveal actual flooring
- ✔ Place all shoes/jackets in cupboards
- ✔ DON'T FORGET THE ENTRANCE HALLWAY

## FRONT EXTERIOR

- ✔ Close garage doors
- ✔ Remove cars from driveway and front of home
- ✔ Clean up landscaping (mow, trim shrubs, clear leaves)
- ✔ Remove empty plant pots
- ✔ Remove bins and recycling containers
- ✔ Use a broom to remove leaves/rubbish
- ✔ Clean and wash front door (fresh coat of paint is ideal)
- ✔ Clean windows and frames thoroughly
- ✔ Repair paint any flaking paint
- ✔ Remove all vehicles, bins, items, etc., from driveway

## YARD AND PATIO

- ✔ Hose and sweep down patios
- ✔ Clean up landscaping (mow, trim shrubs, clear leaves)
- ✔ Clean and tidy up outdoor tables/chairs/cushions
- ✔ Pillows/cushions should be fresh, not faded
- ✔ Hide kid's toys, balls and bikes, etc.



## KITCHEN

- ✔ Clear worktops completely. No knife blocks, mail, etc.
- ✔ Leave out a couple of small appliances (i.e. toaster)
- ✔ Remove magnets, papers, photos, etc. off the fridge
- ✔ Hide rubbish bins away
- ✔ Remove dishes from sink
- ✔ Remove any pet bowls/beds
- ✔ DON'T forget items on the tops of cupboards

## DINING ROOM / TABLE

- ✔ Clear table, dust and polish the table top
- ✔ Use decorative place setting if available
- ✔ Feature one center piece such as a bouquet of flowers
- ✔ Straighten all chairs and space them evenly
- ✔ Remove child seats/booster chairs

## LIVING / FAMILY ROOM

- ✔ Remove stacks of magazines, papers, post, etc.
- ✔ De-clutter fireplace mantel/hearth (no more than 5 items, including art)
- ✔ Clean interior of fireplace and re-paint if needed
- ✔ Fluff and arrange furniture pillows
- ✔ Remove kid's toys