

13 Ways To Prepare Your Home For Showings

- 1. Arrange the furniture and discard unused items so each room appears as spacious as possible.
- 2. No matter what the season, consider it spring and do your "spring cleaning."
- 3. Buy higher intensity light bulbs and put them in every lamp. They'll make the rooms brighter and feel warmer.
- 4. Brighten things with fresh paint. White, off-white or beige walls make a room look bigger and lighter.
- 5. Clean all of your windows and mirrors so they sparkle.
- 6. Check all closets to be sure clothes are neatly arranged. Keep as few items as possible stored in overhead shelves and on floors.
- 7. Keep kitchen countertops clean & free of clutter. Organize kitchen cabinets and cupboards.
- 8. Clean the oven as well as all other appliances. Polish the chrome on the sink.
- 9. Polish the tub, toilet and bathroom sink.
- 10. Go through the basement, attic and garage. Organize them so they appear as spacious, neat and as clean as possible. It's a great time to have a garage sale!
- 11. Launder draperies and curtains if needed.
- 12. Shampoo carpets and wax floors. Consider replacing your carpet if it is worn. You may not recover the costs but your home may sell faster.
- 13. Get out your tool kit: tighten loose doorknobs, pulls on drawers and cabinets, towel racks and switch plates. Repair and clean caulking around tubs and sinks. Fix leaky faucets, remove water stains.