



LAST-MINUTE

HOME SHOWING CHECKLIST FOR SELLERS



1 CLEAR COUNTERS OF ANY JUNK.

Tables and countertops often become an easy drop zone for a variety of clutter. Have a dedicated basket or a tote bag where you can put away anything you collect, and then take them with you when you leave the house.



2 WIPE ALL COUNTERTOPS CLEAN.

Aside from clutter, you'd want to remove all dust and dirt from countertops. Also, make sure that the kitchen sink and the top of the appliances are clean and spotless.



3 MAKE ALL THE BEDS.

Try to tidy up and get rid of all the wrinkles and lumps to provide a hotel feel to this personal space.



4 EMPTY ALL TRASH CANS.

People coming into your home definitely won't want to see or smell your trash. So make sure you take them out regardless of how full they are for a cleaner-smelling home.



5 SECURE YOUR VALUABLES.

Do not leave loose change, cash, expensive jewelry, financial documents, prescription drugs, and any other valuables out in plain sight. Lock them in a fire cabinet so your personal information and belongings are secured during every showing.



6 TURN ON ALL LIGHTS AND OPEN WINDOWS AND BLINDS.

Make your space look more inviting by turning on all lights. Especially if the house tour is on a nice day, show off your natural lighting by cracking open a few windows and drawing curtains and blinds to let the sunlight in.



7 TAKE YOUR PETS AND THEIR THINGS WITH YOU.

We know how much you love your pet, but you have to take them with you, together with their bed, toys, litter boxes, and other accessories. The smell of pets can be distracting and could even be a huge turn-off to some buyers. Some people may even be allergic to pet hair, so it's best to tuck away your pet's precious items at the back of your car. If you haven't done it yet, you might also want to consider arranging a place for your pet while your home is on the market.



8 CLEAR THE ENTRYWAYS.

Remove all shoes, coats, and other belongings you keep in the entryway to make a good first impression when buyers step into your home. And don't be tempted to put them in closets, as buyers might check for storage spaces or just be curious about what's inside.



9 ENSURE THE DRIVEWAY AND WALKWAYS ARE CLEAN AND CLEAR OF ANY DEBRIS.

Curb appeal is important as it's the first thing people see when they pull up to the house. So clear the driveway of any junk, and if the showing is at nighttime, turn on path lights and driveway lights to not only improve the look of your yard but also increase safety around the house.



10 DON'T FORGET TO DO SOME FINAL TOUCHES.

Right before you leave, close all toilet lids, fix the pillows on the sofa, do some sniff tests, make sure the temperature is comfortable, and just do some final walk-through so that no lingering clutter or any unwanted smell will greet potential buyers when they walk in.