

Showing Checklist

Interior:

- Turn on all lights - even during the day
- Open all curtains and blinds to flood the house with light
- Empty all garbage cans - take to main trash outside or in the garage
- All appliances cleared and wiped down
- All dirty dishes into the dishwasher and not in the sink or on the tables
- Check all bathrooms: Flush, lids down, all meds gone, sink/tub/shower clean
- All pets should be kenneled or not at home for the showing
- Empty litter box and put away any other pet clutter
- Put away all toys and projects (plastic bins are wonderful for this use)
- Grab a laundry basket and walk the entire house picking up any items that need to be removed. If you like, put the laundry basket in your car before the showing so it's out of the way.
- Set your temperature to 72°
- If it's winter, turn on the gas/electric fireplace for warmth and effect
- Put out some grab/go snacks and water bottles. Many buyers and agents are running from house to house with no time. They will remember and appreciate the gesture, even if they don't take them.
- In case they have time to stop and eat, leave a single page with a list of nearby restaurants, coffee shops, and ice cream places. Sell the neighborhood.
- Put out a copy of your flyer along with any other documents you want them to have in case they make an offer
- Put away all valuables and medications

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Exterior:

- All lawn care done and/or snow cleared
- In winter, salt/sand sidewalks and driveways for safety
- Put away any trash or recycling bins to their proper place
- Check the yard for any clutter/debris/pet droppings
- If showing is with an agent, make sure the lockbox is in place with a key
- Doublecheck any doors that should be locked or unlocked
- Pick up any packages/mail/newspapers and put away
- Make sure the buyers have a close and easy place to park
- Turn on outside light