

TIPS FOR STAGING YOUR HOME



Once you have decided to put your home on the market, try to view it from a buyer's perspective. Here are 5 helpful steps to give it a winning look.



1. **Keep it clean.**

A good cleaning and fresh paint create the impression that your home has been well cared for.

2. **Keep it uncluttered.**

It will be neater and look larger. You want to convey a spacious feeling.

3. **Keep it neutral.**

Eliminate distracting colors and personal accessories; neutral colors and simple décor can help someone visualize their own belongings in the room.

4. **Keep it dynamic.**

Make your home memorable. From fresh flowers to clean smells, your home should be inviting.

5. **Showtime.**

Make a final check of every room. Keep toys, clothes, food and other items picked-up.

OUTSIDE

Trim, weed and tidy up lawn / garden. Clean up pet areas, resod or seed. Repair screens, windows and doors. Add potted or hanging flowers to deck or porch.

GARAGE

Clean and deodorize areas where pets sleep or spend time. Straighten tools, shop and laundry areas. Sweep floors and clean up grease spots.

KITCHEN

Clear away unused small appliances. Remove stains from sink. Straighten memo areas and remove papers. Clean and deodorize vent or exhaust hood.

BATH

Clean counters and store extra toiletries. Remove stains and mold from sink, tub or shower. Patch, caulk and grout as needed. Put out attractive "for show only" towels.

LIVING/FAMILY

Open shades and draperies to let in light. Rearrange furniture for openness. Spot clean carpets or rugs. Apply neutral paint /wallpaper. Use flowers & pot-pourri.

BEDROOM

Straighten closets. Box and store surplus clothing and shoes. Arrange toys to look appealing. Add curtains or valances to rooms without them. Remove posters.