

Open House Checklist

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INTERIOR:

- Secure valuables such as jewellery, keys, prescription drugs
- Tidy up counter tops and remove appliances such as toasters, kettles
- Declutter - put away every day items such as shoes, mail, dishes
- Remove fridge magnets and personal items from the front of the refrigerator
- Empty the rubbish and consider hiding the bins out of sight
- Minimize family photos
- Invest in some decorative hints like rugs, wall hangings and vases
- Add lifestyle hints like a bottle of wine and glasses or decorative table settings
- Clean bathrooms including vanities, bath tubs, showers, screens, toilets
- Do a thorough clean of all rooms including walls, floors and windows
- Consider a professional cleaning service
- Turn on some soft music or the TV on a low volume
- Turn on all the lights and some well positioned lamps
- Replace any bulbs that are not working
- On a hot day, offer cold water
- Put fresh flowers or a flowering pot plant on the dining table
- Pack toys away or display them neatly
- Tidy away pet items such as litter box and feeding bowls
- Light some scented candles or wax burners
- Open curtains, shutters or blinds – buyers love natural light
- Put all personal toiletries away in a drawer or cupboard
- Remove excess furniture to make your rooms appear more spacious

EXTERIOR:

- Clear walkways to and from the house
- Clear pathways surrounding the house
- Mow the lawn
- Trim back shrubs, hedges and trees
- Weed the garden beds – consider adding fresh mulch
- Clean exterior windows, blinds and doors
- Pressure wash the exterior walls and driveway
- If you have a pool, ensure it is clean and equipment is working

