

Open House Checklist

Seller's guide for a successful open house

Days Before the Open House

- Declutter and clean the interior and exterior of the home.
- Maximize sunlight in each room.
- Rearrange furniture to maximize space.
- Declutter surfaces.
- Repaint and touch-up areas if needed.
- Clean toilets, shower, bath, sinks, and faucets.
- Clean doors and windows.
- Clean carpets, hardwood floors, tiles, and rugs.
- Clean and repair walls, floorboards, and trim.
- Dust everything.
- Organize drawers, cupboards, cabinets, and closets.
- Clean the inside and outside of appliances (refrigerator, oven, microwave, etc.)
- Do and fold laundry.
- Make sure all light fixtures and light switches work properly.
- Make sure all plumbing fixtures work properly.
- Mow lawn, rake leaves, and trim foliage.
- Pick up pet droppings.
- Clean, declutter, and organize garage.
- Clean, declutter, and organize basement.
- Clean pool, jacuzzi, and hot tub.
- Store family photos, magazines, mail, and other personalized belongings.
- Put expensive items and valuables in a safe.

Day of the Open House

- Double check open house times with agent to ensure you're off-site during showing.
- Make sure everything is in order by walking through the interior and exterior of the house.
- Vacuum carpet and rugs if needed.
- Clean up any debris from driveway, walk-ways, porches, patio, and deck.
- Wash and put away dishes and take out trash.
- Move vehicles off-site.
- Close garage door.
- Move pets off-site.
- Turn on all indoor and outdoor lights.
- Open all window curtains and blinds to increase natural light.
- Set thermostat.
- Use nonfloral air fresheners to add a welcoming aroma.