



Real Estate Group

DE-CLUTTER YOUR HOME A ROOM-BY-ROOM GUIDE

Exterior // Kitchen // Dining Area // Living Room // Bedrooms // Bathrooms

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

- // Thoroughly clean your whole house (vacuum, mop, clean counter tops, clean windows, etc.)
- // Replace all burned out light bulbs and use bulbs that are the same temperature
- // Open blinds/window treatments to let as much outside light inside as possible
- // Remove personal photographs (or replace with general landscape/object photographs)
- // Make all beds
- // Remove small floor mats to reveal actual flooring
- // Place all shoes/jackets in closets
- // Remove extra furniture, even if you feel it is practically, to allow the room to feel larger
- // The more floor you can see, the larger the room will feel

PETS

- // Place food, water bowls, pet beds, and pet toys in pantry or closet
- // Use lint roller on furniture to remove pet hair
- // Clear back yard of pet waste/toys



EXTERIOR

FRONT EXTERIOR

- // Clean up landscaping (mow, trim shrubs, clear leaves, add mulch)
Remove empty planters
- // Use broom to remove cobwebs from eaves and door frames
- // Remove visible water hoses. Hide trash cans
- // Power Wash Your House
- // Mail box should be clean and sturdy

BACK YARD

- // Clean deck & outdoor furniture
- // Pillows/cushions should be fresh, not faded
- // Clear out kid's toys, balls, frisbees, soccer goals, etc.
- // Clean pool. Remove pool vacuum/cleaner hose.
Hide pool supplies. Turn on pool features (lights, etc.)
- // Remove all other visible water hoses
- // Keep the grass trimmed



LIVING SPACES

KITCHEN

- // Clear counter tops completely. No knife blocks, utensils, mail, clutter, etc. Remove dishes from sink. Yes, it will feel empty, but it will look great
- // Leave out max of one small appliance (ex. coffee maker), but preferably none
- // Clear outside of refrigerator of magnets, papers, photos, etc.
- // Hide garbage cans in pantry or closet

DINING AREA

- // Clear table, dust and polish the table top. Feature one center piece such as a bouquet of flowers
- // Straighten all chairs and space them evenly
- // Remove child seats/booster chairs

LIVING ROOM

- // Remove stacks of magazines, papers, mail. Remove all toys
- // De-clutter fireplace mantel/hearth. Clean interior of fireplace and re-paint if needed
- // Fluff and arrange furniture pillows



BEDROOMS & BATHROOMS

MASTER BEDROOM

- // Make bed, including decorative pillows/shams, if available. Remove items under bed/dressers
- // Clear nightstands of all personal items
- // Store away phone/tablet charging cables
- // Remove all clutter from top of dressers. Remove family photos from walls

GUEST & CHILDREN'S BEDROOMS

- // Remove personalized names from walls
- // Remove wall stickers/posters (Mickey Mouse, Spider-man, etc.)
- // Place toys in toy-bins or closets. Minimize toys and items on the floor

BATHROOMS

- // Clear counter tops completely. No toothbrushes, medications, deodorant, etc.
- // Put toilet seats down
- // Remove shampoo, soap, loofahs, etc. from showers and tubs. Leave decorative items only
- // Remove dirty towels - leave out only clean, decorative towels
- // Remove floor mats. Remove toilet brushes, plungers, etc.

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