

OPEN HOUSE

CHECKLIST

Real Estate needs?

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Make sure to run through this checklist before your homes open house!
(Also helpful to do before showings)

- Secure Valuables** (tech devices, bills, spare keys, prescription drugs) either in a safe in your home or take them with you out of the home entirely.
- Clear off counter tops** – including removing small appliances, such as the toaster, from your kitchen counter top.
- Put away everyday items** such as dishes, mail, shoes, kid toys, dog toys, etc.
- Take 5 minutes to **purge/clean your fridge** – trust me, buyers look!
- Make sure **the thermostat is set appropriately** for the weather – 21°C is a good temperature to keep your home at.
- Take the **trash and recycling out** of the house.
- Minimize family photos** – this is one a lot of people struggle with, but by doing this you help the buyer envision their family living there, not yours.
- Clean, clean, clean** – doing a quick dust and vacuum goes a long way.
- Curb Appeal** - Mow the lawn and sweep the patio, or shovel the driveway and sidewalk.
- Toilet seats down, toilet lids down.**
- Take ALL the **magnets & pictures off your refrigerator.**
- Open all the blinds**, maximizing natural light.
- Stick all personal **toiletries in a drawer** to get them off the counter.
- Replace burnt out **lightbulbs.**
- No evidence of pets** - hide feeding bowls, litter boxes, and dog beds. These can be a turn off for many potential buyers.
- No owners** – it makes buyers very uncomfortable to have sellers present watching their every move – they'll stay for less time and do a less thorough job of checking the home, making them less likely to purchase it!

WHAT YOUR REALTOR WILL DO:

- Turn on all the lights
- Open all the blinds (if not done already)
- Offer snacks and water
- Offer printed feature sheets of your home

BONUS TIP:

- Put fresh flowers around the house
- Play soft music
- Selling your home in the winter?
Put out photos of your garden in full bloom!