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**Preparing For A Showing Checklist**(different than preparing your home to sell)

It may not be possible to complete the entire list below before every showing but the more you can do, the better.

* **Open all drapes, shades and blinds**
* **Turn on all lights (including closets)**
* **Sweep and vacuum all flooring**
* **Empty garbage cans (spray disinfectant if smelly)**
* **Quickly dust tables and furniture if needed**
* **Wash dishes or put in dishwasher (buyer may look in dishwasher)**
* **Clear off kitchen counters**
* **Remove anything from top or sides of refrigerator**
* **Make all beds**
* **Clean any windows or glass doors if there are fingerprints on them**
* **Put any dirty clothes in hamper or in washer and dryer. Don’t start washer and dryer because you don’t want them going during showing.**
* **Remove any evidence of pets (bowls, litter box etc)**
* **Remove any odors and make home smell pleasant (garbage, laundry, smoke, pets)**
* **In cooler or cold months, a warm fire will make your home feel warm and cozy**
* **If appropriate time of year, open windows and let the fresh air in**
* **Put away any valuables**
* **Make your bathroom show like the bathroom at a nice hotel does when you arrive.** 
  + **No personal care items on countertop**
  + **No wet towels hanging**
  + **Not a lot of excess personal care items in shower**
* **Temperature in home must be comfortable**