

Staging tips to get your home 'show ready'

Here are some tips that will have your home ready to show. Keep in mind the smallest things can make a big difference.

De-clutter

This is the first step in getting ready to sell so that potential buyers aren't looking at your possessions, but rather envisioning their own things in your space. Keep kitchen and bathroom counters clear and store unneeded small appliances and furniture. The good news is that you will be making your packing on moving day so much easier.

Lights and mirrors

Accent lighting and mirrors can make your home feel bright and inviting. Mirrors placed on accent walls or in hallways can make the space seem larger, and well placed and stylish table lamps add an elegant flair to your décor.

Good bye to personal stuff

Take the time to pack away all those personal memories, family photos, university degrees, anything connected to you. Buyers need a blank slate to imagine themselves living there.

Minor repairs make a difference

Make sure all the light bulbs are working, fill in nail holes, replace window screens that need it and replace those old outlet covers. Take a look around as if you were the purchaser and replace it or fix it.

Keep it neutral

Although you love colours, some buyers may not. If you need some advice, ask a colour specialist to help you with neutral paint colours, a fresh coat of paint will enlarge your home and make it feel fresh.

Accents and colour

Now that you have a neutral home, a few well-placed pops of colour will help bring it all together, try throw pillows, accent pottery or a bowl of green apples, throw in some fresh flowers and you are ready to go.

Inviting scents

This is more effective than you can probably imagine, try scented candles or of course fresh baked cookies will always do the trick.

Clean, clean, clean

Make sure your home is spotless, clean like you've never cleaned before as people will remember the pride you take in your home.

Freshen up

Consider replacing those bed linens, duvet covers and towels. Now you can take the time to see the rewards of all your efforts.

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Tips to keep kids safe from household chemicals

Did you know that household chemical products, including laundry and dishwasher pods, are among the top products responsible for injuries and deaths in children under the age of five? Young children are naturally curious and have a habit of putting things in their mouth, but even a small amount of a chemical product can be harmful. Bad taste and odours often aren't enough to keep kids away, so put safety first when you have little ones around by following these tips.

1. Take advantage of product safety features. Check that child-resistant closures are in good working order. Close the cap on the container all the way even if you set it down for just a moment. Remember that child-resistant doesn't mean child-proof.

2. Use kid-friendly products for arts and crafts. Just because you can buy arts and crafts materials in stores doesn't necessarily mean they're free from health and safety hazards. Buy kid-friendly products labelled for children's use and supervise their projects.

3. Store household chemicals safely. Never mix household chemical products together, as some mixtures can produce harmful gases. Store chemicals in their original containers and keep them locked away, where children cannot see or reach them. Try not to store products that may release harmful fumes or catch fire inside your home, like paints, solvents, gasoline, fuels or varnishes. Store them according to the instructions on the product's label in a separate building if you can, or in a well-ventilated area.

4. Have a teaching moment. Kids love learning, so teach them that hazard symbols mean "Danger! Don't touch."

5. Be ready for an emergency. Post emergency phone numbers by your telephone and program the numbers into your phone.

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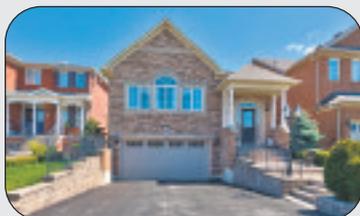
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