

PREPARING THE INSIDE OF YOUR HOME FOR SHOWINGS



Once you've decluttered and removed excess furniture and personal items, it's time to focus on repairs, cleaning, and presentation. The goal is to have each room look fresh, inviting, and well cared for. The better your home shows, the stronger the impression it will make—helping it sell more quickly and for the best possible price.

Use the following checklist to get your home show-ready:

Walls & Ceilings

- Take a close look at all walls and ceilings for stains, marks, or discoloration. Water stains from past leaks or areas of built-up dirt can easily go unnoticed by homeowners but stand out immediately to buyers.
- Fresh paint is one of the most cost-effective improvements you can make before selling. Neutral tones—such as soft off-whites or light warm greys—appeal to the widest range of buyers and help spaces feel brighter and larger.

Flooring & Carpets

- If carpets look worn, dated, or stained, consider replacing them. Affordable, neutral carpeting can significantly improve the overall feel of a home and make rooms appear cleaner and more modern.
- Replace any cracked or damaged floor tiles, but be mindful not to over-renovate. The objective is not a full remodel, but rather eliminating visible wear or damage that could create a negative impression.

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Doors & Windows

- Inspect all windows for cracks, chips, or damage and replace panes if necessary. Ensure windows open and close smoothly—lubricating tracks or hinges can often solve minor issues.
- Check interior doors for sticking or squeaking. A small amount of lubricant on hinges can eliminate noise, while polishing door hardware helps give the home a well-maintained, finished look.

Odour Check

- Start by airing out your home regularly. Homeowners often become accustomed to smells that may be noticeable to visitors.
- If smoking occurs indoors, avoid doing so before showings and ventilate the space thoroughly. Odour-neutralizing sprays can help eliminate lingering smells without overpowering fragrances.
- Pet owners should be especially mindful of odours. Keep litter boxes clean, wash pet bedding regularly, and consider using carpet freshener as needed.

Plumbing & Fixtures

- All plumbing fixtures should appear clean, shiny, and in good working order. If fixtures cannot be restored through cleaning, replacing them is often inexpensive and makes a noticeable difference.
- Check that all faucets turn easily, do not leak, and have good water pressure. Repair dripping faucets and look for stains or discoloration in sinks, tubs, and toilets.

Final Touches

- Once these areas are addressed, your home will be in excellent condition for showings. A clean, neutral, and well-maintained interior allows buyers to focus on the space itself—and imagine it as their future home.

Congratulations—you're ready to welcome buyers through the door.