



Preparing for an Open House 25 “Last-Minute” Tips:

Preparing your home for an open house is a must if you want to sell your home quickly and for top dollar. Here are a few things to do at the last minute.

1. Your house should smell good, but not overpowering; air out ½ hour before showing. Open windows in the spring.
2. Vacate house while showing if possible.
3. Take pets away for the day.
4. Take toys off the front yard.
5. Sweep the front walk.
6. Open blinds, drapes, and curtains to the outside world, especially the front of the house (make sure windows are clean).
7. Turn a light on in every room.
8. Play music on low: soothing and pleasant.
9. Light fireplace.
10. Neutralize cigarette or pipe smell.
11. Place fresh flowers at the entrance and on the kitchen table.
12. Clear kitchen counter tops.
13. Open a recipe book in the kitchen.
14. Open a book in the bedroom on the bed or in a favorite reading spot.
15. Do a quickie wipe of all surfaces with Clorox wipes: kitchen, bath, toilet, and sinks.
16. Dry out sinks with paper towels.
17. Keep temperature at a comfortable level: cold days, warm and cozy; hot days, crisp and cool.
18. Take cars out of the garage (shows space).
19. Hide dirty dishes in the dishwasher (or stove).
20. Place clean hand towel and guest soap in bathrooms.
21. Place clean bath towels in bathrooms.
22. Hide dirty clothes in washer and dryer.
23. Plump pillows and make beds.
24. Fold blankets and throws.
25. Stack papers neatly.
26. Use a quickie sweeper.

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