

HOW TO GET READY FOR A SHOWING IN 30 MINUTES OR LESS



You don't need perfection—just a few quick adjustments to help buyers envision themselves in your space.



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INTRODUCTION

You just got the call—a potential buyer is coming to see your home in 30 minutes, and things are looking a bit... chaotic. Don't worry! Preparing your home for a showing doesn't have to be overwhelming, even on short notice.

This quick guide is designed to help you tackle clutter fast and make your home feel inviting to buyers. With these simple, effective steps, you can create a clean, welcoming space without spending hours tidying up. The key is focusing on the right areas to showcase your home's best features.



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THE POWER OF DECLUTTERING

When it comes to making a great first impression, nothing is more effective than clearing out the clutter. A clean, tidy space not only looks more inviting but also helps buyers focus on the home's potential, rather than getting distracted by personal items.

TIP 1: START WITH THE ENTRYWAY

The entryway is the first thing buyers will see, so make sure it's clear and inviting. Remove shoes, jackets, bags, or anything else that tends to pile up. A clutter-free entry creates an instant feeling of order and spaciousness.

TIP 2: CLEAR SURFACES

Tidy up any visible surfaces in high-traffic areas like the kitchen, living room, and bathroom. Remove excess items from countertops, dining tables, and vanities. Keeping surfaces clean and minimal will make these spaces feel more open and organized.

TIP 3: GRAB A LAUNDRY BASKET FOR QUICK PICKUPS

Don't stress about putting everything away in its proper place—just grab a basket and do a quick sweep of stray items like toys, books, or papers. Place the basket in a closet or the garage to keep clutter out of sight during the showing. This method gives you a fast solution without losing precious time organizing.

DEPERSONALIZE THE SPACE

Potential buyers need to be able to imagine themselves living in your home, and that's hard to do when it's filled with personal items. Depersonalizing is all about creating a neutral space that appeals to everyone.

TIP 4: MINIMIZE PERSONAL ITEMS

Family photos, kids' artwork, and personal mementos can make it harder for buyers to picture themselves in the home. Gather these items and store them away for the showing. This simple step helps transform your space into a blank canvas, ready for buyers to envision as their own.

TIP 5: SIMPLIFY DÉCOR

Less is more when it comes to décor for a showing. Remove any overly personalized or unique decorations, like bold artwork or themed collections. Opt for neutral, simple décor that enhances the space without drawing too much attention. This keeps the focus on the home's features, not the decorations.

MAXIMIZE APPEAL IN KEY AREAS

When time is limited, it's crucial to focus your efforts on the spaces that matter most to buyers. These high-traffic areas will leave a lasting impression, so make sure they're clean, tidy, and inviting.

TIP 6: TIDY UP THE LIVING ROOM

The living room is a focal point for buyers, so ensure it looks spacious and comfortable. Fluff the pillows, fold blankets, and straighten any furniture that may have shifted. Remove any clutter like magazines, toys, or remote controls. A tidy living room shows off the space's potential as a cozy family area.

TIP 7: FRESHEN UP THE KITCHEN

Clear countertops of small appliances, mail, and other clutter. Wipe down surfaces and put away any dirty dishes. Buyers love kitchens that feel open and functional, so keep things simple and clean. If you have time, add a fresh touch like a bowl of fruit or a vase of flowers.

TIP 8: POLISH THE BATHROOM

Make the bathroom sparkle with a quick wipe of the sink, mirror, and countertops. Hang fresh towels and close the toilet lid for a polished look. Put away personal care items like toothbrushes, razors, and toiletries. A clean, tidy bathroom makes a big difference in how buyers view your home's overall care and upkeep.

ADD SIMPLE TOUCHES

Once you've tidied and decluttered, a few small finishing touches can make your home feel warm and welcoming. These easy additions will help buyers feel instantly at home.

TIP 9: CREATE A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE

Set the stage with small, thoughtful details. Place a vase of fresh flowers in the living room or entryway, or light a lightly scented candle to create a pleasant ambiance. These touches can make your home feel inviting and cared for, leaving buyers with a positive impression.

TIP 10: LIGHT AND BRIGHT

Natural light has a way of making spaces feel larger and more open. Open curtains and blinds to let sunlight stream in, and turn on lamps in any dimly lit areas. A well-lit home feels cheerful and spacious, helping buyers envision themselves living in it.

TIP 11: THE 5-MINUTE WALK-THROUGH


Take a few minutes to walk through your home as if you're seeing it for the first time. Look for any areas that could use a quick adjustment—straighten pillows, clear any stray items, and double-check that surfaces are tidy. This fresh perspective will help you catch anything you might have missed and ensure the home feels inviting and clutter-free for buyers.

First impressions are everything, especially when selling your home. A cluttered or disorganized space can make it difficult for potential buyers to see your home's full potential. That's where Mindful Organizing comes in. We specialize in preparing homes for the market by decluttering, organizing, and packing with intention. We create a welcoming, streamlined space that allows buyers to easily imagine themselves living there.

GET YOUR HOME MARKET-READY TODAY!

Don't let clutter hold you back from a successful sale. Partner with Mindful Organizing with Sandy to get your home market-ready with ease and confidence.

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