

# PRE-LISTING CLEANING CHECKLIST For Homeowners

Property cleanliness has been ranked as the most important factor in making a positive impact on buyers.



## Top Three Priorities

### Entry Way/Living Room

Entry way/living room is the first point of reference for a buyer. It is important to keep it simple and clutter-free.

**Walls** Dirt and stain-free walls make your home more welcoming from the get-go. Wipe them clean, including baseboards and trim work.

Pay attention to the spaces around light switch plates as they tend to gather dirt and fingerprints.

**Fixtures** Lamp shades and other light fixtures, ceiling fans, shelves and other visible horizontal surfaces must not have a film of dust covering them. Polish wood and/or metal furnishings.

**Windows** Wash windows & window sills inside and out. Pull back drapes and let natural light in.

**Floors** Vacuum and shampoo rugs and/or carpets to remove dust, odors and stubborn stains. Clear traces of clutter—toys, pet beds, litter boxes, etc.—from the floor.

**Dirt Collectors** Scrub and wash trash cans inside out to get rid of accumulated deep-seated dirt and foul odors. Don't forget to clean your dusty vents too!

### Kitchen

**Sink & Drain** While it's important to get your sink to sparkle and shine, it's equally important to scrub the drain area, because this is where foul smells usually come from.

**Stove & Countertops** Scrubbing the stove top and burners will contribute to your kitchen's overall cleanliness. Countertops should be clutter free. Keep dishwashers and racks clean.

**Fixtures** Wipe appliances as well as cabinet faces clean. Organize the contents of cabinets & refrigerator in such a way that the buyers see its storage capacity.

### Bathroom

**Shower** Keep your bathroom clean by removing molds and stains from the tiles, floors, tub (if applicable), and sink. Re-grout and reseal bathroom tiles, as needed.

**Toilet** Sanitize and deodorize the toilet. Replace the seat, if necessary.

**Storage Spaces** Clear shelves and cabinets of personal items like toothbrushes, soaps or shampoos. Make sure towels are clean, folded and neatly arranged. Empty all wastebaskets.

## More Clean Up Points

### Bedroom

To keep your bedroom smelling pleasant, avoid keeping laundry in the room for long periods of time and make sure to put them away when a buyer is set to visit. Remember to rotate clean bedding and sheets often & always make up bed prior to a showing.

### Home Office

Keep computers, monitors, desks and shelves clean at all times. Make sure to organize documents and files.

### Closets

Clear or minimize items on the floor and organize your items neatly. Keep closets neatly organized.

### Outdoor Spaces

Wipe down front door and any surrounding areas near the entrance. Sweep deck and patio and clean any outdoor furniture. Be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your pets. Clean up gardens and make sure lawn is mowed.