



The Down and Clean Tips for (Almost) Stress Free Showings

Let's face it, preparing your home for pictures is one thing, but keeping it looking that way, every day for showings can be a bit of a challenge with our busy lives. Here are a few suggestions that will help:

- Open your blinds and turn on your lights – buyer's love brightness
- Place a bin in the foyer and toss in shoes which can easily be moved to a closet
- Hang up coats, bookbags, etc. as soon as you walk through the door
- Don't use your living room or dining room, if not needed
- Contain the "mess" in the family room and kitchen
- Quickly tidy up – clear things off coffee table
- Fluff pillows
- Don't cook – Eat out – only kidding – but do make easy meals and use paper plates
- Keep your sink clear of dishes
- Make your bed – early morning
- Hang up clothes or place in laundry baskets
- Keep everyday toiletries in a caddy and store them in a cabinet under the sink
- Keep shampoo, conditioners, etc. that you use in the shower in a caddy and store them in a cabinet or under the sink
- Organize and re-organize the kid's area/use bins with labels to organize toys. Hopefully, potential buyers either have kids or dogs and can relate to toys being around.
- Keep the pet's area clean and the yard cleaned up
- Potential buyers will peek in your closets. Try to pack away seasonal clothing. This will make closets look larger and will help accomplish some packing at the same time.
- Keep your mail in a bin
- Take out the trash – daily
- Keep the grass cut, the bushes trimmed, and the sidewalk and porch swept

All your efforts paid off! You Got a Contract, Now What.....

Preparing for the Move

Packing

- Use this time to purge and organize
- Sort items in three categories
 - ✓ Donate
 - ✓ Trash
 - ✓ Going with me

This can seem like an overwhelming task. Tackle one drawer or closet at a time. Remember you will have between 30-45 days until settlement. Plenty of time, right?!

If you know where things will be going in the new house, pack accordingly. Sort by room. Label the bins or boxes. This makes UNPACKING so much easier.