



THE ULTIMATE

# Open House Checklist

FOR HOME SELLERS

Preparing for an open house can seem daunting if you don't know where to start, but this checklist will have your home ready to go in no time.

- Make sure your home is in order**  
Go room to room and make sure clutter is stored out of sight and nothing is out of place.
- Sweep pathways and patios**
- Clean up flower beds and spruce up the front and back yards**
- Remove excess vehicles or store them in the garage**
- Close the garage door**
- Remove pets and their food, toys, and gear from the premises**
- Lock up or remove valuables**
- Agree on a plan with your agent**  
Will you meet him/her at the house? How will they get in? When will the showing be over?
- Turn off sprinklers**
- Mute your landline**  
Mute or turn down your ringer and mute your answering machine.
- Turn TVs off**  
If you have a home theater, put on a family-friendly movie or attractive screensaver.
- Play soft music**
- Use air fresheners**  
Candles can be a liability with so many people in your home.
- Turn on interior and exterior lights**  
Even if it's a bright and sunny day, unexpected weather can darken your home.
- Set the thermostat to a comfortable temperature**  
Even if it's a hot or cold day, a home that is too cold or too hot can cause guests to leave sooner.
- Bake some cookies**  
You'll have a pleasant aroma and treats for your guests.

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