

Here are a few tips to help you with your home staging goals.



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1. Start outside by removing unsightly weeds from cracks in patios, sidewalks, and driveways. Prune shrubs and trees. Keep the lawn healthy and trim. In the winter, keep walkways and driveways clear of snow and ice.
2. Inspect your home's exterior for peeling or cracking paint and repaint. Look for cracks in caulking around windows and doors. Examine foundation for cracks, leaks, and blocked vents.
3. If the front door and garage doors are grimy, clean with soap and water or repaint to make the entrance to the home refreshing.
4. Check faucets for drips and all plumbing for leaks. Don't forget to check the rubber seal around your sink for leaks.
5. Be a clutter buster! Remove knickknacks, and keep only those items that help build a welcoming atmosphere.
6. Now is the time to pack personal items such as family photographs and religious artefacts. Remove excess storage boxes to make your home appear to have more storage space. Do the same for the garage.
7. The kitchen is a Key Selling Feature, keep it beyond clean, especially for showings. Display a bowl of lemons to emphasize cleanliness.
8. Replace old door hardware that is not in good working order, ensure that all doors open and close smoothly.
9. Do use flowers in the foyer, kitchen or bathroom. Even a simple bud vase speaks volumes.
10. You would be surprised to learn how many buyers are turned off by smoke and pet odours. Clean carpets, and allow fresh air in.

Yes, it's hard to live this way, but if you stage your home properly it is only for a short time!