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Home Staging Checklist

Plan Ahead

- Walk through each room and critique the home from a buyer's perspective.
- Consider getting a professional home inspection to see if any repairs are needed.
- Hire a contractor to handle any major projects.
- Hold a yard sale. Sell, donate or trash anything you don't need.

Clean, Declutter and Depersonalize

- Thoroughly clean the entire home.
- Scrub tile in kitchen and bathrooms.
- Clean hardwood floors.
- Steam clean carpets and drapes. Consider replacing carpet if stains are prominent.
- Get rid of dust bunnies.
- Repair cracks and holes in walls.
- Paint interior walls with neutral colors, like beige, cream or light pastels.
- Remove excess and oversized furniture.
- Rearrange furniture to maximize space.
- Organize room closets and store out-of-season clothes.
- Remove all small appliances, toys, magazines and pet items.
- Remove family photos, personal collections and medications.
- Declutter garage and store unnecessary items off site.
- Secure valuable items, including cash and jewelry.

Show Off Your Home's Best Features

- Remove rugs to show off hardwood floors.
- Pull back drapes to showcase nice views.
- Stage the front porch or deck with furniture and potted plants.
- Make sure fireplaces are in working condition.
- Clean backyard and pool area.

