

SELLERS HOME-GUIDE

5 TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR THE MARKET

1 The heart of the home

We all know the kitchen is the heart of any home. Buyers' usually notice the size, layout and condition of the cabinets and counter top. **Quick tip:** To showcase your counter and back splash remove all small appliances such as the toaster, coffee maker, microwave, utensils etc. and tuck them away in order to maximize space and minimize distraction. Less is more!



#2 Hide the goods

When buyers' are looking through your home they don't want to see your goods - especially with what you may have going on in your shower! It can be a mad scramble whenever there's a showing to tidy up your toiletries and have your bathroom look presentable. **Quick tip:** Invest in a shower caddy and store it under the sink, it keeps the bathroom clutter free and easy to transport back and forth when not in use.

#3 No Skeltons

Clean out the junk in your closets! One of the top 3 criteria's buyers' are looking for is adequate storage! And they will look! Keep only what is necessary for the season. **Quick tip:** Colour code your clothes, black with blacks, white with whites and like colours. Baskets and bins stored on the shelf are a practical solutions for extras (purses, shoes, jewellery etc.) to ensure nothing is left on the floor. Your closet will be organized and most importantly appear larger.

4 Organized Chaos

Not through the eyes of buyers'! Your home office is an extension of your home and piles of paper even when stacked is an eye-sore and can feel overbearing. **Quick tip:** If you don't have a filing cabinet, purchase an expandable portable folder to house your bills and private information that you may not want others to see.

5 Toys, Toys, Toys

Lets face it, children toys are everywhere...there in the bedroom, family room, dining room and kitchen there's no escaping them. It can be daunting to tidy up and collect from around the house prior to your Open House. **Quick tip:** Designate a toy only zone and use clear bins to store their favourites. Download photo's and place them on the front making it easy for small children to identify.