Before Buyers Walk In: *The Interior Prep Checklist You Can't Afford to Skip*

1. Make Room for Their Story

Pack away family photos, diplomas, trophies, personal collections, and fridge displays. Keep simple décor so buyers can picture their own lives in the space.



2. Show the Space, Not Your Stuff

Clear counters, reduce excess furniture, and open walkways. Organise closets and cupboards without cramming them full. Make each room's purpose easy to understand.

3. Clean Where Buyers Look Closely

Give kitchens, bathrooms, floors, and windows a thorough clean. Include grout, baseboards, and appliance surfaces. In Edmonton's snowy months, remove salt and grit from the entryway.

4. Remove Odours, Don't Cover Them

Clean pet bedding, litter boxes, carpets, and bins. Ask someone else to check for lingering smells. Avoid strong fragrances and investigate persistent musty odours.



5. Let Buyers See Every Room

Open blinds, clean light fixtures, and replace burnt-out bulbs. Check lighting after dark, especially in basements and hallways. Edmonton's shorter winter days make this worth an extra walkthrough.

6. Fix the Small Distractions

Address dripping taps, loose handles, sticking doors, and visible scuffs. Investigate leaks or water stains before cosmetic work. Get advice before committing to expensive replacements.

7. Reset Before Every Showing

Make beds, clear dishes, put away toiletries, and empty bins. Secure valuables and personal paperwork. Arrange for pets to be elsewhere where practical, and leave rooms comfortably heated.

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