homework

getting ready for photos and showings

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throughout

- We always recommend a professional cleaning
- Remove items from the tops of cabinets
- Put away anything on the floor—extra shoes, kids' and pets' toys, bikes, umbrellas, etc.
- Edit your personal belongings such as family photos and religious items
- Partially empty closets—leave plenty of breathing room for hanging items (about one third of the pole should be available) and the floor as close to empty as possible
- Replace any burned-out lightbulbs
- Remove minor paint flaws with Magic Eraser
- Check stair risers—are any paint touch-ups needed?
- Make sure you have fresh batteries in a CO/smoke detector within 15 feet of each bedroom (required by law in Philadelphia)

bathrooms

- Get sink top as close to completely cleared as possible, with no personal hygiene items out
- Remove personal hygiene items from the tub/shower
- Is your shower curtain liner mildewed, or even just a little dingy? Replace it with a new one—we recommend white, which doesn't show water spots
- Remove rugs/mats
- Re-caulk the shower/tub surround—it gives a huge facelift to every bathroom

kitchen

- Remove everything (magnets, photos, etc) from the fridge and clear the top
- Edit countertops—generally leave one item (an attractive crock of utensils, a handsome cutting board or bowl of fruit) in each section
- Stash away soap, sponges, paper towels and your dish rack

curb appeal

- Replace doormat if it's seen better days
- Do your planters/flower boxes need planting or weeding?

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