

Seller's Decluttering Checklist

Living Areas

- Get rid of any excess furniture. It will make the rooms seem more spacious
- Depersonalise the space by removing most of the photos, and any art/ornaments which may not suit everyone's taste
- Assess the size of each room and if you have oversized furniture which is making the space appear smaller consider removing them, either to sell/donate, or put into storage while the house is open for viewings
- Go through your linen cupboard and decide what you no longer need. Donate those items. Make sure it's not jam-packed; you want it to appear like there's plenty of storage space. Put excess items into storage if necessary
- Tidy up paperwork (piles of letters, home office work), get rid of anything no longer relevant.
- Find a more discreet place to store them, preferably in a cupboard

Bedrooms

- Go through wardrobes and drawers and decide on the items that you no longer wear. Sell, give away or donate them to charity
- Assess what clothes are left and how many of them need to remain in the house while the house is open for viewings. Buyers are going to want to see that there's plenty of storage space, so you may want to consider putting some of your clothes into storage during this time
- If you're using under your bed, or the tops of cupboards, as storage space, consider investing in some eye pleasing storage systems. Make sure items in those areas are being culled and donated too
- Clear off bedside tables and dresser

Bathroom and Kitchen

- Go through the kitchen cupboards and drawers and tidy them up. Sell or donate anything you no longer use, or have duplicates of
- Clear off all kitchen work surfaces. Put appliances away in cupboards
- Depersonalise your fridge by removing any magnets, artwork, cards, photos, takeaway menus
- Clear off excess items from windowsills (plants, picture frames, ornaments)
- Go through and dispose of any old toiletries
- If the kids have toys in the bathroom these should be culled and, if they still use them, stored out of sight while the house is open for viewings

Kids areas

- Go through the kids toys and remove what's no longer played with. Sell/donate as necessary
- Consider eye pleasing storage solutions, so that the toys can be kept out of sight while the house is open for viewings

Garden and Garage

- Go through anything currently being stored in the garage, sell/donate as necessary
- Consider the best storage options so that the area looks as spacious as possible
- Any outdoor furniture that is not being used, or going to your next home, should be removed
- All kids toys that are no longer used should be sold/donated. Keep these tidy, or preferably out of sight during viewings