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10 Staging Tips to Make Your Kitchen a Winner



waffle irons, ice cream makers, etc.

The kitchen is often the room that is the deal-maker or deal-breaker for homebuyers, so good staging is key. Besides being sparkling clean, here are some other basic guidelines to follow to ensure that your kitchen looks its absolute best.

- 1. De-clutter** by removing **all** items from the countertops, tops of cabinets, and surface of the refrigerator. (Don't worry, you will replace a few carefully chosen items later.)
- 2. Stash** all cleaning supplies and small appliances behind closed doors. Pack up seldom-used kitchen electrics, like waffle irons, ice cream makers, etc.
- 3. Organize** the cabinets, pantry, and refrigerator so they are orderly and have a bit of extra space. Similar items should be placed together, and labels should always face forward.
- 4. Repair** any surface, item, or major appliance that has cosmetic damage or doesn't work properly.
- 5. Replace** any surface, item, or appliance that is permanently discolored, broken, or outdated.
- 6. Remove** tablecloths, wallpaper borders, area rugs, wall décor, and window curtains.
- 7. Match** all major appliances. If they are different colors but in good working condition, have them professionally painted.
- 8. Paint** the walls if the room hasn't been painted in the past couple of years. Light, cheerful colors are always a good choice.
- 9. Brighten** the room by letting in as much natural light as possible. Replace typical kitchen curtains or sheers with a Roman shade or simple shade, or keep windows bare.
- 10. Accessorize strategically** by only choosing a few items to stage the counters, like a coffee maker, set of canisters, cookbooks, and a bowl of fruit. For the table, a simple centerpiece and a couple of place settings will do the trick. A stylish clock or a couple of framed prints are all the décor needed for the walls. New, matching, neatly folded kitchen towels (limit two) can be hung from the oven door handle to add additional color, if desired.



Need help adding just the right dashes of flavor to make your kitchen irresistible? We'd love to show you how staging can help your home show better and sell more quickly. Contact Happily Better After today at 609.880.9682 or info@happilybetterafter.com for expert advice!