



having an open house that sells

- **Spotless House** – Consider hiring a cleaning service
- **Manicured Lawn** – Mow, rake, edge
- **Put away toys, lawn and garden equipment**
- **Serve refreshments** – use paper service so your sink's not cluttered
- **Simmer cinnamon and spices** – to give your house that “homey”, fresh-baked smell
- **Remove kitchen appliances and clutter from the countertop**
- **Turn on all the lights** – even in daylight hours to add brightness to your home
- **Light candles** – for some sparkle and a nice fragrance
- **Set the table with nice dishes, a centerpiece, and candles**
- **Arrange flowers to be placed in high-traffic areas** – perhaps a table inside the front door
- **Hang fresh towels in the bathrooms** – Make sure the shower curtain is clean
- **Remove toiletries from bathroom counters**
- **Send your pets to neighbor's home or cage and put in a confined space** – don't forget to tell the agent about your caged pet.
- **LEAVE** – prospective buyers will feel free to look in drawers and closets and express opinions if you're not home.
- **Remove family pictures**
- **Remove a piece or two of furniture to make the room appear larger.**
- **Safeguard your valuables in a locked drawer or box. Jewelry, Money, other valuables**
- **Water your lawn to give the lawn a sparkle.** Do this about one-half hour before the open house.