How to Prepare for a Home Showing in 10 Minutes or Less

Your agent is working hard to get your home sold, and that means setting up the best showings possible. While showings are typically set with at least an hour's notice, sometimes you might only get 15 minutes to prepare! Relocating buyers or those switching gears might decide to view your home at the last minute—and remember, these are buyers who are ready to make a decision fast. You only get one chance to make a great first impression, so here's how to make your home shine when time is short.

1. Take a deep breath – you've got this!
2. Put the dishes in the dishwasher (or quickly wash them). A clean kitchen goes a long way.
3. Make the beds. It's a simple task but instantly makes the space look organized and inviting.
4. Wipe down the counters. A quick swipe will make your kitchen and bathrooms look polished.
5. Empty the garbage. Remove any clutter, especially trash, from all rooms.
6. Hide dirty clothes in the washer. If there's no time for laundry, at least stash them out of sight.
7. Run a quick vacuum. Focus on high-traffic areas like the living room and hallways.
8. "Windex" bathroom mirrors. A clear mirror makes a bathroom feel cleaner and brighter.
9. Put toilet seats down. It's a small touch, but it's noticed!
10. Turn on the lights. Ensure every room feels bright and inviting.
11. Leave the house before the showing. Buyers feel more comfortable when the house is empty.
12. Smile! You did it! You've prepared your home to make the best impression possible!