

20 Things to Declutter Before You Sell

A simple checklist for women who want top dollar without moving out

■ **Quick Tip:** Ask yourself — "Would this be in a hotel room?" If no — it goes.

KITCHEN

- Clear ALL countertops — put away small appliances, knife blocks, paper clutter
- Remove excess mugs, mismatched dishes, and unused gadgets from cabinets
- Clear the top of the refrigerator completely
- Remove excess vases, serving platters, and decorative bowls you rarely use
- Remove cookbooks from counters or shelves

LIVING ROOM

- Remove excess throw pillows — keep 2–3 per sofa only
- Remove all family photos from walls and shelves
- Take down collections: figurines, plates, memorabilia, knick-knacks
- Reduce wall art — aim for one piece per wall
- Remove extra furniture that blocks traffic flow

BEDROOM & BATHROOM

- Clear nightstands — one lamp, one book maximum
- Empty half of every closet so they feel spacious
- Clear bathroom countertops — keep only 1–2 items visible
- Pack away personal items on bedroom shelves (perfume collections, jewelry displays)

ENTRYWAY & HALLWAYS

- Remove shoe piles, umbrella stands, and mail clutter
- Remove small rugs in narrow hallways — they make spaces feel smaller

OTHER SPACES

- Remove holiday and seasonal decorations from visible areas
- Clear the dining table completely — no placemats or centerpieces
- Thin out plants — a few healthy ones are fine; too many looks cluttered
- Clear garage floor — stack neatly or move items to off-site storage
- Clear laundry room surfaces: detergents, dryer sheets, random items

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