

Last-minute Preparation

HOME
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SYSTEM



The Best Last Minute Hiding Places:

UNDER THE BED

Even though this is a common hiding place, it's so obvious sometimes you may forget about it. What makes this an ideal place is that it is roomy, usually located centrally in the room, and buyers never look under a bed. In a rush, kick clothes, toys, shoes, or whatever other clutter there is under the bed.

IN THE WASHER OR DRYER

Buyers rarely, if ever, open a washer or dryer. This makes them ideal last-minute hideaways for toys, books, and boots, as well as dirty clothes.

TRUNK OF YOUR CAR

Scooping toys, unpaid bills, and even dirty dishes into a laundry basket and then putting it in the car is a very handy way to hide clutter. It's easy, it's fast, and no one will ever know it was there.

BEHIND THE COUCH

Pull the sofa a few inches away from the wall and you can quickly stash coats, backpacks, shoes, and even dirty laundry out-of-sight and out-of-mind

The Worst Last-Minute Hiding Places

OVEN

A surprising number of buyers will open the oven door. Make sure you have cleaned the oven and don't store your pots and pans inside. Doing so makes it appear as if you are short on kitchen space.

LAUNDRY ROOM

Buyers tend to remember a nice, neat laundry room. Filling the sink and covering the counters shrinks the size of the room, minimizing its perceived utility.

BEDROOM CLOSETS

All homebuyers today desire roomy closets and lots of storage space. This is a good time to empty your closets, store the extra items in boxes or hold a yard sale. Avoid cramming the bedroom closets with extras; the more space that shows in your closets, the better.

KITCHEN PANTRY

Of all the storage space, the kitchen pantry might be the most important. Now would be a good time to pack up all of the extras that you are currently storing in your pantry. Organize your cans and boxes. The less cluttered the pantry, the bigger it looks, and the more buyers will remember it favorably.

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