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## The Clutter Bug

*There is a little bit of a pack rat in all of us and this isn't necessarily a bad thing. However, sometimes we can hang onto too much for too long and potential buyers just cannot see past the clutter and onto the attributes that make a house a special home.*

*A good place to start clearing out is the kitchen. Put away any appliances you don't use on a daily basis. For example, the bread maker you got five Christmases ago that you haven't use in four years can go. Put away dishes and spices neatly. Get rid of*

*the treadmill in the bedroom, as, quite likely, it has become just another place to hang towels and shirts. Go through your closets and give any clothes that haven't been worn for two years to charity. There are a number of charities that will pick up at your home.*

*Go through the rest of the house and pick up old magazines, loose toys etc. Baskets are fashionable and great for this sort of thing. If you have an excessive number of knick-knacks, consider packing a few away early,*

*being careful not to overload storage areas. The knick knacks won't have the same sentimental value to potential buyers as they do to you and can detract from the size of a room. Less is more!*

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