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Living in a home and keeping it in good condition for showings can seem overwhelming.

This consideration, as well as several others, are addressed in the book *House Hunting, The Take-Along Workbook for Home Buyers*. Author Dian Hymer offers several suggestions for helping current owners keep their home in showing condition.

These suggestions include:

- Buy a big plastic tub for each room. If a prospective buyer wants to see the home, you can quickly de-clutter by throwing unattractive essentials like toys and clothes into the tubs. Make sure to stow the tubs in the garage or closet.
- Develop an escape plan. Decide in advance where you'll go when potential buyers are on their way over. It doesn't have to be far – taking a walk through the neighborhood is probably good enough.
- Be flexible with showing times. Setting severe limitations makes it harder to sell a home.

Not only will these tips help you keep your house tidy, but they will also help make the home selling process more manageable.