

KITCHEN CLEANING

Detail clean – all surface areas, appliances, cabinetry and flooring. Average cost to hire-out: \$30/hr.

Bar Keepers Friend – Soft cleanser for tough stains on stainless steel, porcelain, tile, marble

ZEP Clean Stone Plus – Stone friendly cleaner with a brilliant shine

Sprayway – Stainless steel cleaner and polisher

Windex – glass cleaner for that “sparkle and Shine”

Appliances: It would be money well spent to replace any appliances that are dated, mismatched or in need of repair. The majority of today's buyers have stainless steel kitchen appliances at the top of their wish lists.

TIP: A 4 piece appliance package (range, refrigerator, dishwasher and OTR microwave) can be purchased at Warner's Stelian, Home Depot, Best Buy, Sears etc. on average \$2500-\$3000.

Cabinetry Doors/Drawers:

Murphy's Wood Soap – scrub all cabinetry with “soft” bristle brush

Old English Scratch Cover – for light or dark woods can address any imperfections/wear

Rejuvenate Wood Cabinet and Furniture Restorer – leaves and impressive “sheen”

TIP: If the cabinet door/drawer facings are outdated or too damaged to repair, MENARDS stocks unfinished oak cabinet door/drawer facings in a variety of sizes.

Cabinetry Hardware:

- Outdated hardware: Replace the knobs and pulls
- Absent hardware: Install knobs/pulls on all the kitchen cabinetry doors/drawers.

TIP: An “oil rubbed bronze” compliments a golden or light oak wood cabinetry.

A “nickel finish” hardware is better suited for cabinetry that is dark, black, cream/white.

Counter Tops: Consider replacing with Granite if not already in place. This is another favorite of today's buyers. Priced \$29 sq/ft at Granite City.

TIP: If granite is not within your budget, MENARDS and HOME DEPOT offer a High Resolution Laminate for the look of granite. It is stocked in 1-2 finishes in 3 length options. Priced \$150 and up.

Flooring:

- **Rejuvenate No Bucket Cleaner** and **Rejuvenate Shine Refresher** for wood, laminate, ceramic, tile and vinyl. Makes floors “new again”.

If the flooring is newer and/or in great condition, remove any rugs to showcase the flooring.

TIP: Rooms appear spacious and much larger in photos absent of any rugs breaking up the rooms lines. Small rugs can also appear as “black blobs” in listing photos and distract the eye preventing buyers from viewing the space.

Walls: If wallpaper and/or wallpaper border is present, strip it off and paint a neutral color. Wallpaper removal is an intimidating prospect for most people and can seriously compromise a home's collective pool of buyers.