## **Staging Your Home**

When your home goes on the market, it's no longer just your personal space—it becomes a **product**. Buyers need to picture themselves living there, which can be hard if your family's personality is too present. That's why agents recommend decluttering, depersonalizing, and often working with a **professional stager** to present your home in its best light.

## **Why Staging Matters**

- **Emotional Impact**: Staging sets the right tone and helps buyers connect with your home.
- Highlight Features: It draws attention to the most attractive aspects of the property.
- **Higher Offers**: According to NAR, 77% of listing agents say staging increases the dollar value buyers are willing to pay.
- Faster Sales: Staged homes often go under contract quicker than non-staged homes.

## **What a Stager Does**

A professional stager usually starts with a consultation and provides a customized report. Their recommendations might include:

- Decluttering and storing personal items
- Rearranging or replacing furniture
- Updating paint colors in key rooms
- Adding décor or rental furniture
- Enhancing curb appeal

Most staging focuses on high-impact areas like the **living room**, **kitchen**, **primary bedroom**, **and dining room**.