

'I really didn't need to see that'

Keep potential date-breakers out of sight

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Though not necessarily deal-breakers, there are a few items that a potential honey would rather not see. Gross generalizations as they may be, there are quite a few items that guys and gals have around the apartment that can really spoil the romance. You don't have to get rid of them, but do hide them from view. Remember, even if something's in the trash container, it's still visible.

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Gals don't want to see

- Pornography
- Lack of soap or wash cloths
- Toilet paper anywhere but on the designated holder
- More than five facial products
- Last night's collection of empties
- Bong (even if sentimental)
- "Funny" T-shirts and coffee mugs (Prefacing their introduction with either "Don't get offended, but..." or "My frat buddies got this for me..." means they're not really worth keeping)
- Trash anywhere but in the trash container
- Piles of kinda-clean/not-so-dirty clothes
- Rogaine
- Futon (hard to hide, but definitely not cool)
- "Art" held up with thumbtacks
- Star Wars collectible figures, Dungeons & Dragons stuff, role-playing anything

Be yourself —
but be discreet.

Guys don't want to see

- Feminine hygiene products
- A bed full of stuffed animals (especially if you've named them)
- More than five hair-care products
- Moldy scrubbies
- Self-improvement books, especially those designed to help you find love, find a husband, etc.
- Bathtub soap scum with leg-hair stubble
- Pictures of your cat (especially in cute clothes)
- Wonderbras, or anything used to make you more "wonderful"
- Pantyhose (especially hanging from the shower rod)
- More than six bed pillows
- A countertop full of cosmetics

In short,
keep it
classy.

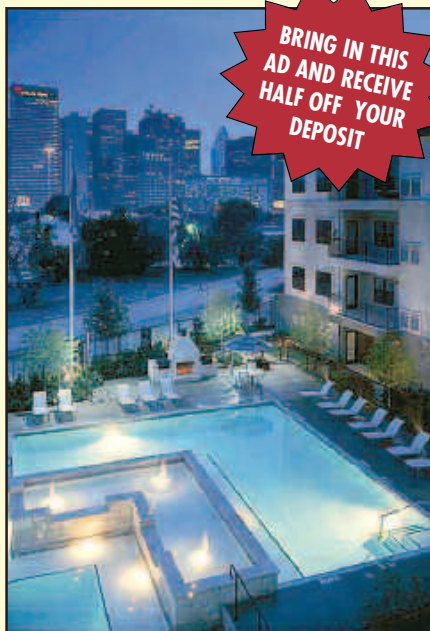


No one wants to see:

- Toilet brush and plunger
- Pile of pet hair
- Medicated creams (or most things) meant for feet
- Multiple pill bottles, including vitamins, supplements, diet or protein drinks and mixes
- Pictures of you with your ex
- An answering machine flashing "40 new messages"

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