



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

GENERAL

- Turn all overhead lights and lamps on
- Replace all burned out light bulbs
- Try to use the same type of bulbs in all your lamps (ALL incandescent or ALL fluorescent)
- Turn all ceiling fans off
- Open blinds/window treatments to let in outside light
- Remove personal photographs
- Make all beds
- Remove small floor rugs to reveal actual flooring
- Place all shoes/jackets in closets

FRONT EXTERIOR

- Close garage doors
- Remove cars from driveway and front of home
- Remove empty planters
- Use broom to remove cobwebs from eaves and door frames
- Remove visible water hoses
- Remove toys, sports balls, basketball goals, soccer goals, etc.
- Remove flags or flag poles

BACK YARD

- Clean porch, tidy up outdoor chairs/tables/cushions
- Clear out kid's toys, etc.
- Remove visible water hoses
- Remove trash cans

KITCHEN

- Clear countertops completely
- Leave out max of one small appliance (ex. Coffee maker)
- Clear outside of refrigerator of magnets, calendars, papers, photos, etc.
- Hide garbage cans in the pantry or closet

- Remove dishes, sponges, etc. from sink and place in dishwasher

DINING ROOM/TABLE

- Clear table, dust and polish table top
- Use decorative place setting if available
- Feature one center piece such as a bouquet of flowers
- Straighten all chairs and space them evenly
- Remove child seats/booster chairs

Living Room

- Remove stacks of magazines, papers, mail, etc.
- De-clutter fireplace mantel/hearth (no more than 5 items including art)
- Clean interior of fireplace
- Fluff and arrange furniture pillows
- Remove kid's toys
- Hide lamp, stereo, etc. wires

BEDROOMS

- Make bed, including decorative pillows/shams, if available
- Press linens and bed skirts
- Clear nightstand of all personal items
- Store away phone/tablet charging cables, etc.
- Remove all clutter from top of dressers
- Remove family photos from walls
- Clean under bed, removing items that may be visible in photos

KID'S ROOMS

- Remove personalized names from walls
- Remove wall stickers/posters
- Remove diaper genies
- Clean under bed, removing items that may be visible in the photos

BATHROOMS

- Clear countertops completely. No soap, toothbrushes, medications, deodorant, etc.
- Put toilet seats down
- Remove shampoo, soap, loofahs, etc. from showers and tubs
- Remove dirty towels – leave out only new, unused towels
- Remove all floor mats

Pets

- Place food and water bowls in pantry or closet
- Place pet beds/toys in pantry or closet
- Use lint roller on furniture to remove pet hair
- Contain pets in hidden crate or outside
- Clear back yard of pet waste or toys