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| **How Do I Get A Home Photo-Ready? Here's a Checklist!** |

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| Here are some tips on preparing your home before your Visual Media photographer arrives.Follow these helpful tips and tricks for the best results! |

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| **General*** Make sure all light fixtures work properly
* Turn off ceiling fans
* Open all window blinds/curtains
* Wipe down countertops and clean or vacuum floors
* Remove small floor rugs to showcase flooring (i.e. kitchen, bathroom)
* Put away personal affects you do not wish to appear in published images (i.e.: children’s names in bedrooms, family photos, confidential information and religious/political items)
* Limit holiday/seasonal decorations as they can date the photos
* Remove all pet items (i.e.: toys, bowls, beds, scratching posts and litter boxes)
* If possible, kennel pets
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| **Foyer / Mudroom / Laundry*** Put away coats and shoes or display neatly
* Display neatly or remove backpacks and bags
* Remove baskets, clothing and laundry products
* Empty washing machine and dryer (if visible)
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| **Office*** Remove stacks of paper and clutter from desk
* Put away garbage cans and shredder
* Straighten books and any items on shelves
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| **Exterior*** Turn on all exterior lighting and ensure they work properly
* Move vehicles/trailers from driveway and away from front of home
* Open all blinds and curtains
* Place garbage and recycling cans in garage or out of sight
* Close all windows and doors, including garage doors
* Straighten and arrange deck furniture
* Open umbrellas
* Sweep deck and patio
* Remove all gardening tools, hoses and sprinklers
* Shovel driveway and sidewalks
* Put away pool toys and cleaning equipment
* Turn on all interior lighting.
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| **Kitchen*** Clean all major appliances (i.e.: refrigerator, oven, range hood, etc)
* Clean and clear off countertops and remove small appliances (i.e.: toaster, coffee pot, etc)
* Remove all items from refrigerator doors (i.e.: photos, notes, magnets and paper)
* Put away dish towels and paper towels
* Make sure the sink is clean and free of dishes
* Remove garbage and recycling cans
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| **Living Room*** Remove or straighten books, magazines, movies and other items on open bookshelves
* Remove extra or unnecessary furniture
* Straighten and adjust couch and chair cushions
* Clear off and organize end tables
* Put away children’s toys, video games, consoles and controllers
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| **Bedroom** * Make sure beds are made and as lump free as possible
* Remove all laundry, slippers and shoes
* Clear off nightstands and vanities
* If walk-in closets are to be photographed, they should appear neat and organized
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| **Bathroom** * Remove all shampoos, soaps, lotions and bath products
* Put away toothbrushes, combs, razors and beauty products
* Remove the scale, garbage can, plunger and toilet brush
* Replace toilet paper roll if needed
* Put out clean towels and make sure they are hung or nicely folded
* Clean mirrors
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