

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR PHOTOS



General Tips

- Thoroughly clean whole house (vacuum carpet, mop hard floors, clean countertops, clean windows)
- Replace all burned out light bulbs
- Use bulbs of the same temperature (ALL incandescent or ALL compact fluorescent) Warm White is preferred
- Turn all ceiling fans OFF
- Turn all TVs OFF
- Turn all computer screens OFF
- Open blinds/window treatments to let in outside light
- Remove personal photographs (or replace with general landscape/object photographs)
- Remove small floor rugs to reveal actual flooring
- Place all shoes/jackets in closets

Exterior/Curb Appeal

- Close garage doors
- Remove cars from driveway and front of home
- Clean up landscaping (mow, trim shrubs, clear leaves)
- 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.
- Clean porch, tidy up outdoor tables/chairs/cushions
- Clear out kid's toys, balls, frisbees, etc.
- Hide pool cleaning supplies
- Remove trash cans

Kitchen

- Clear countertops completely. No knife blocks, baking supplies, mail, etc.
- Clear outside of refrigerator of magnets, papers, photos, etc.
- Hide garbage cans in pantry or closet
- Remove dishes from sink, place in dishwasher

Dining Room/Table

- Clear table, dust and polish the table top
- Use decorative place setting if available
- Use a focal point, such as flowers, if available
- Straighten all chairs and space them evenly
- Remove child seats/booster chairs

Living/Family Room

- Remove stacks of magazines, papers, mail, etc.
- De-clutter fireplace mantel/hearth
- Fluff pillows and neatly lay blankets
- Remove kid's toys/laptops/books

Bedrooms

- Make bed, including decorative pillows/shams if available
 - Press bed linens and bed skirts if you can
 - Clear nightstands of all personal items
 - Store away phone/tablet charging cables
 - Remove all clutter from top of dressers
 - Remove family photos from walls
 - Clean under bed, removing items that may show in the photos
- For Kids Rooms
- Remove personalized names from walls
 - Remove wall stickers/posters
 - Remove diaper genies/bags/trash can
 - Clean under bed, removing items that may show in the photos

Bathrooms

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

Pets

- Place food and water bowls in pantry or closet
- Place pet beds/toys in pantry or closet
- Contain pets in hidden crate or outside
- Clear back yard of pet waste/toys

We do NOT

- Move or re-arrange furniture
- Make beds, clean, dust or de-clutter
- Pick up toys or yard items
- "Photoshop" vehicles, walls, power lines, wall pictures, cords, etc.
- Touch any personal items