

## Photography Preparation for Your Property

The day of photography at your property should be a moment for you to rest and watch the marketing of your property begin.

With that said, arriving at that moment may bring you through not-so-restful moments in the days leading to our photography session.

Preparing your home for photography truly aids you in beginning to declutter, organize and pack for your move to your new home or to successfully transition out of an investment property, a property of a loved one, etc.

## To best aid me and the photographer, we ask that you:

- Have all blinds opened and shades rolled up. Have curtains opened if possible.
- Have windows cleaned.
- Remove all toiletries from showers/baths and hide out-of-sight.
- Roll up any small bathroom foot rugs around toilets or in front of sinks and stow out of sight.
- Roll up any small foot rugs in front of kitchen sinks or stoves and stow out of sight.
- Remove magnets/papers/accessories from refrigerators.
- Clean off kitchen counters from excessive appliances/"stuff". It's ok to leave a block of knives or tea kettle or small dishes. We may move these or add others during the photography as we see fit.
- Remove clutter and old detergent from above washer and dryer or any visible cabinetry in utility room/closet.
- Place all toys (children or pet) in a designated area in a neat manner.
- Make-up all beds.
- Remove excess blankets or pet coverings from couches and stow away.
- If any protective bumpers are able to be removed from hearths/stairs, please hide out of sight for photography. These can be replaced afterwards and will not impede showings.
- If garage is able to be cleaned and tidy, we can take photography if desired and sensible. However, this is often a great area to stage your clutter and packing.
- Have grass cut, bushes trimmed and landscaping beds looking tidy.
- If applicable, be sure all landscape lighting is functioning for evening photography shoots.
- Remove or haul off any piles of limbs/leaves/old landscaping.
- Stow all pet bowls, pet beds, mats, toys, etc.
- Remove large initials of your family's name from prominent positions for photography. These can be rehung after photographs if desired.
- Check to make sure all light bulbs are burning throughout the house.