



PREPARING

For Your Photoshoot



Please print off this checklist and make sure that the following items are completed prior to your photographer arriving onsite:

Lighting:

- All interior and exterior lights on, including floor lamps, table lamps, under-cabinet lighting, stove-top lighting, bedside reading lamps, ceiling fan lights, and other secondary light sources.
- Ensure that all light bulbs work. Replace any burnt out bulbs.

Kitchen:

- Remove all non-decorative items from counters (dish soap, paper towels, phones, cleaning supplies, etc.).
- Remove magnets, photos, kids artwork etc. from the refrigerator.

Bathrooms:

- Lower all toilet seats.
- Clear countertops of non-decorative items.
- Remove toiletries from bath/shower area (curtains/door are often opened to show off tiling/fixtures).
- Ensure that all mirrors have been recently cleaned and are streak free.



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Front & Back Yards:

- Take down flags.
- Put hoses and other equipment away, organize patio/deck furniture.
- Pick up pet waste, put away garbage bins, and generally clean up the yard.
- Freshly-cut lawn and landscaping in good shape.

Pets:

- Keep pets out of the way during the shoot (in the backyard, garage or unfinished basement, for example).
- Put away pet supplies, including food/water bowls, crates, toys, etc.

Window Treatments:

- Open curtains/blinds all the way in every room - blinds should be twisted open, not pulled up.

Flooring:

- Ensure that any hardwood and tile floors are clean and free of footprints and streaks.
- Ensure that all carpeting is freshly vacuumed to allow for the best presentation.
- Remove all bathroom & kitchen rugs.



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Vehicles:

- Ensure that no vehicles are in the driveway or on the street in front of the home.
- Close garage doors.

Neighbors:

- Let the next door neighbors on both sides know about the scheduled shoot so that they can ensure their yards are clean, cars are out of the driveway, and garage doors are closed.

Other:

- Turn ceiling fans off.
- Put all personal items away.
- Remove any religious symbols from view.
- Generally make the house as clean as possible.

Holiday:

- Remove all holiday decor - examples include Pumpkins, Christmas trees, menorahs, Christmas lights, wreaths from the front door, etc.