

HOME PREPARATION CHECKLIST

A Comprehensive Guide to Getting the Best Results for Your Professional Photography Session and Home Showings

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EXTERIORS

- Replace any burned out light bulbs in fixtures and lamps.
- Remove all vehicles from driveways
- Move garbage cans out of sight.
- Remove all the clutter such as cans, garden tools, pool toys, etc
- Clean the driveways, sidewalks and patios
- Prepare the lawn by trimming the grass, taking out died plants and watering the plantsV If you have a pool, remove the pool sweep, pool cleaning equipment and any pool toys

INTERIORS

- Replace all burned out light bulbs
- Turn on all interior lights and keep them on during the shooting session
- Turn ceiling fans and televisions off.
- Remove all the exposed items such as cables, newspapers, kid toys, personal photos, religion symbols, etc
- Dust and vacuum all the rooms
- Don't leave any dirty dishes in the sink
- Move all the trash cans
- Clear off the countertops – toothbrushes, shavers, soap dishes, tissue & lotion dispensers, makeup mirrors, etc.
- Windows, glass doors and mirrors should be cleaned
- Open the blinds, shades and curtains if there have good views of the neighborhood
- Fresh flowers can be used to decorate some rooms and fresh fruits to stage the kitchenV Please make sure pets are contained, their food cans and litter boxes away from the view while photographs are being made
- Throw rugs and runners in entryways, kitchens, and bathrooms should be removed.
- Contain pets in the garage or out of sight
- Place all shoes and jackets in closets

ADDITIONAL TIPS

LIVING ROOM

- Remove piles of newspaper and magazines.
 - Hide all TV/Stereo remotes.
- Conceal all exposed cables as best possible.
- Remove clutter, personal photos, etc. from bookshelves tables and cabinets.V Tuck trash cans out of view in a closet or cupboard

BEDROOMS

- Make all beds and tidy bedrooms.
- Clothes hung, or folded and put away.
- Remove items from bedside tables – books, magazines, pictures, clock radios, etc.V Plug in and turn nightstand lights ON

KITCHEN

- Clear off counter tops and remove any appliances, i.e. toasters, coffee pots, knife blocks.V Remove photos, notes and papers from the refrigerator.
- Clean the major appliances – refrigerator, oven, range hood, and wipe down all countertops.V Clean grease stains from driveway
- Clear back yard of pet waste

DINING ROOM

- Set the table with your best China and dinnerware. (Optional)
- Add a colorful centerpiece such as candles or flowers.
- Remove child seats/booster chairs

BATHROOMS

- Remove shampoo and other products from the shower/tub area.
- All toilet seats should be down and lid closed.
- Mirrors should be clean.

