

# 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 dead plants and watering
- 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 all blinds, shades & curtains to let in natural light**
- Fresh flowers can be used to decorate some rooms and fresh fruits to stage the kitchen
- **Please make sure pets are contained, their food cans and litter boxes away from the view**
- Throw rugs and runners in entryways, kitchens, and bathrooms should be removed
- 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.
- Tuck trash cans out of view in a closet or cupboard

#### BEDROOMS

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

#### KITCHEN

- **Clear off counter tops and remove any appliances, i.e. toasters, coffee pots, knife blocks**
- **Remove everything from the front of the refrigerator**
- Clean the major appliances – refrigerator, oven, range hood, and wipe down all countertops

#### 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 cleaned