

# Preparing Your Property for Photography

Our photographers will prep the space for photos by turning on lights and opening blinds and curtains. They will be sure to put these items back the way they found them. Please note that, for liability purposes, our photographers will not be able to move items such as interior or exterior furniture. Below are some helpful items to ensure your property's photos look their best prior to our arrival.

## Exterior

- Move cars away from front and rear of house and close garage doors.
- Move trash cans and recycling bins inside or out of sight.
- Hide hoses that are normally coiled up on the ground or in portable carts.
- Remove newspapers from driveway and sweep leaves.
- Open deck furniture umbrellas, remove grill covers and put any deck cushions on furniture.
- Hide toys and sporting equipment in garage or storage.

## Interior

- Turn on all interior lights and open all blinds. Make sure any burned out light bulbs have been replaced.
- Clean vertical surfaces that reflect light such as mirrors, refrigerators, windows, television screens, etc.
- Hide all pet beds, toys, bowls, etc. in a closet.
- Remove items other than non-religious framed art or decor hanging from walls.
- Hide items in closets or storage areas that will not be photographed.
- Dust off all ceiling fans.
- Turn off all ceiling fans and fireplaces.

## Kitchen

- Clear off countertops.
- Remove hanging dish towels and small area rugs.
- Hide garbage can along with pet food bowls, mats, etc...

## Bedroom

- Make beds and be sure the mattress or any objects under the bed are not showing.
- Hide all personal items such as books, phones, remotes, etc. (Tip: You can hide them under pillows).
- We suggest that personalized decor be removed from children's rooms so their names and pictures don't show in photos that appear on the internet.

## Dining Areas

- If dining area is small, remove extra leaves from tables to make the room look larger.
- Show off the woodwork on the table by removing protector, tablecloths or placemats.
- Remove extra dining chairs from the room so it doesn't look overcrowded and smaller than it really is.

## Living Areas

- Keep the floors as clear as possible to emphasize the beauty of any wood floors.
- Make sure all televisions and computer monitors are turned off, and if portable, hide from view.
- Clear surfaces such as end tables and coffee tables of items that are not decorative, and hide all magazines, books, remotes, tissue boxes, etc.

## Bathrooms/Powder Rooms

- Wash all mirrors. Even the smallest splatter mark is magnified in photos.
- Hide the trash can, toilet brush, bath mats and plunger.
- Remove family bath and hand towels. Clean, decorative, neatly hung towels are okay (don't forget robe on door).
- Remove all toiletries from counter and the shower/tub area, such as shampoo bottles, razors, toothbrushes, etc.
- Make sure the toilet paper roll isn't empty or hanging down off the roll.
- Place all toilet seat covers in down position.

## Foyer

- Make it look as large as possible by removing shoes, coats, throw rugs, etc.



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