

HOME PREP

checklist

Common Areas:

- Ensure all light bulbs are working and ON prior to the photographer's arrival (Including Lamps)
- Turn off all ceiling fans
- Blinds down and open
- Drapes pulled back or open
- Hide pet-related items including bowls, kennels, beds, toys, etc.
- Place pets in a separate room or garage
- Remove all seasonal decorations
- Remove bulky items that may take away from the size of rooms

Kitchen:

- Remove any rugs from the floors
- Remove all magnets, photos, etc. from refrigerators
- Hide garbage cans
- Empty the sink and remove dish soap and cleaning supplies & paper towels
- Remove dish racks from countertops
- Turn on lights above the sink, stove and under cabinets
- Clear the kitchen counters of dishes, small appliances, less is more!

Bedrooms:

- Make all beds free of wrinkles (fluff/arrange pillows)
- Make sure nothing can be seen from underneath the beds
- Remove all items from dressers, tables, nightstands, and any surfaces
- Put away temporary items such as laundry baskets, fans, trashcans etc.
- Clear the floors

Bathrooms:

- Open shower curtains to one side
- Hide all toiletries (shampoo/conditioners, soaps, toothbrushes, etc.)
- Hide robes, laundry, bathroom scales and trash cans
- Hide Jewelry, Jewelry holders, makeup, hairbrushes
- Remove all rugs in the master bathroom
- Remove everything from sinks, backs of toilets, and all surfaces

Exterior:

- Park vehicles away from the front of the house so they can't be seen from inside the home
- Mow grass and remove all debris from the sidewalks and driveways
- Remove pet waste
- Remove children's toys including larger items such as trampolines, playhouses, sandboxes, etc.
- Put garbage and recycling cans inside the garage
- Roll up or store water hoses
- Hide any pet-related items like chains, bowls, toys, etc.
- Neatly arrange patio furniture
- Remove and store pool cleaner, nets, and chemical bottles
- Remove grill covers
- Cover or clean exterior of grills
- Make sure water sprinklers do not run for two hours before (we need driveways and patios dry)
- Remove all seasonal decorations
- No contractors can be working outside or inside the property at the time of the shoot - Maids, Painters, Handymen, etc

Twilight:

- Park vehicles away from the front of the house
- Turn all lights on inside and outside the house including pool and spa
- Turn all fans off on the inside and the outside of the house
- Outdoor fire areas lit
- Flood lights, can lights, any other lights ON

Misc:

- Papers, stacks, piles of mail, art projects, etc.
- All visible Toys, Games, Consoles, Books, Magazines, Excess furniture (Large Ottomans, Extra Chairs)
- Items such as Musical Instruments, Exercise Equipment, hobby items like Sewing Machines, Crafts, etc.
- Personal family items such as names on walls, family photos, memoranda, etc.

