

Preparing for Photography of your Home

GENERAL:

- Thoroughly clean whole house (vacuum, carpet, mop hard floors, clean countertops, clean windows)
- Make photographer aware of all lighting and shade control locations
- Turn all ceiling fans, TVs, Computer screens off if possible
- Open blinds/window treatments 1/3 of the way to let in outside light
- Remove small floor rugs to reveal actual flooring, large rugs are okay
- Place all clothes/shoes/jackets in closets

EXTERIOR:

- Close garage doors and remove cars from driveway/front of home
- Clean up landscaping (mow, trim shrubs, clear leaves)
- Remove empty planters, visible water hoses, and any toys or sporting related items
- Clean porch, tidy up outdoor tables/chairs/cushions
- Clean pool and remove any pool related items (vacuum/cleaner hose etc.)
- Turn on pool fountains/water features/fire pits or at the very least have the photographer aware of remote/switch locations
- Remove trash cans
- For Dawn or Dusk photos have all windows open with all interior/exterior lights turned on

INTERIOR:

Kitchen

- Clear countertops as much as possible
- Clear outside of refrigerator of magnets, papers, photos, etc.
- Hide garbage cans in pantry or closet
- Remove dishes from sink, place in dishwasher

Dining Room

- Clear table, dust and polish the table top
- Use decorative place setting if available
- Feature one center piece for table, such as a bouquet of flowers
- Straighten all chairs and space them evenly
- Remove child seats/booster chairs

Living/Family Room

- Remove stacks of magazines, papers, mail, etc.
- De-clutter fireplace mantel/hearth and make photographer aware of gas fireplace control location
- Fluff/arrange furniture pillows and reset any reclined seating
- Remove any kid's toys

Bedrooms

- Make all beds and use decorative pillows/shams if available
- Clear night stands of all personal items and phone/tablet charging cables
- Remove all clutter from top of dressers
- Clean under bed, removing items that may show in the photos

Bathrooms

- Clear countertops completely. No soap, toothbrushes, medications, deodorant, etc.
- Put toilet seats down and fold toilet paper
- Remove shampoo, soap, loofahs, etc. from showers and tubs
- Remove dirty towels and leave out only new, unused towels
- Remove floor mats

PETS:

- Place food/water bowls, pet beds, toys in pantry or closet
- Use lint roller on furniture to remove pet hair if noticeable
- Contain pets in hidden crate or outside
- Clear back yard of pet waste/toys