



## How to Prep for a Photo Shoot

To ensure the creative process is not disturbed and for the best photographic results, have this list completed prior to the photographers arrival. Plan in advance a bedroom or office for you, children, and pets to hang out during the shoot.

The photographers schedule does not allow for time to move items from room to room during the shoot, wait for this list to be completed, nor can the photographer help move furniture for liability reasons. If you are not home for the shoot we will turn the lights on and off upon completion.

Here is the key: Once you complete the list, walk around your house and ask yourself IS EVERYTHING I SEE WHAT I WANT THE BUYERS TO SEE?

- Turn ON all of the lights and lamps to check your burnt out bulbs
- Blinds and shutters adjusted open to let light in. You can lift your blinds all the way up as well
- Turn OFF all ceiling fan blades as they will show blurred in the picture
- Remove anything from the floor that does not belong on the floor
- Hide stacks of papers, bills, magazines, and kids toys in storage containers
- Clean all windows of streaks and dirt

Laundry rooms, garages, closets, and pantries will not be photographed unless they are empty and are a feature to be marketed.

### **Kitchens**

- Remove ALL items from the kitchen countertops/islands
- Remove everything from outside the refrigerator
- Pet dishes hidden away
- Dishtowels/ sponges put away
- Hide the trashcan
- Remove kitchen rugs

### **Bedrooms**

- Remove all items table/ countertops
- Make all beds and straighten pillows
- Hide trashcans and diapers genies!

### **Living and Dining Areas**

- Remove all remote controls
- Remove all personal items from table tops and open shelving
- Straighten pillows and chairs

### **Bathrooms**

- Remove ALL items from bathroom countertops
- Towels hung straight
- Put the toilet seat DOWN
- Remove bath rugs
- Empty the shower of shampoos, soap, etc. you can hide inside the tub

### **Outside**

- Remove your car from the driveway
- Mow the lawn and mulch if necessary
- Remove all lawn equipment, debris, recycle and trash cans from sight
- Roll up your hose and hide sprinkler attachments
- Open patio Umbrella

### **Pets**

- If you have pets that want to be in every shot, please crate them or otherwise contain them
- Remove pet carriers, crates, pet dishes, and visible litter box