

✓ My Checklist To prepare my house for photography

Please have the property fully prepared prior to the appointment, so the photographer may focus solely on creating great images within the allotted time. Remember this rule: If it's there, the camera may record it.

**A custom list from a stager or your agent may be prioritized above this general list.

Exterior:

- Trim grass & shrubs, blow leaves, & place fresh pine straw or mulch
- Park all cars inside a garage or down the street
- Blow-off hard surfaces incl. sidewalks, driveways, stairs, porches, patios & decks
- Put away hoses, hose reels, sprinklers & garbage bins
- Remove covers from well-maintained grills & smokers; Cover neglected ones
- Remove covers, debris, & cleaning robots from swimming pools

Kitchen:

- Clear counters of non-essential items & personal décor
- Remove all items from the fridge doors, sides, & top
- Put away all dishes, dish towels, & paper towels
- Decorate with a bowl of fresh fruit or a small bouquet of flowers

Bathrooms:

- Remove all personal-care items from showers, bath tubs, & counters
- Replace used towels & washcloths with clean, fluffy, white towels
- Remove all loofahs, scrubbies, robes, & scales

Kid's rooms:

- Organize smaller toys & books into cute baskets or wicker bins
- Remove large toys, Pack 'n Plays, & large play tables
- Remove décor with visible names of children

Pet items:

- Remove food dishes, pet beds, toys, scratching posts, & "landmines"

General:

- Paint rooms that are dark or a non-neutral color to a light neutral color
- Replace personal photos, art & knickknacks with non-specific art or décor
- Remove moving boxes & other ugly storage containers
- Remove all junk mail, bills, & other assorted paperwork
- Replace broken blinds & open all blinds in the house uniformly. Ask your agent if they prefer blinds turned-open (horizontal) or pulled-up
- Turn off ceiling fans & televisions
- Replace dead light bulbs, & turn off lights that have CFL bulbs
- Fresh, white, flowers in small bouquets look lovely almost anywhere
- A picture is worth a thousand words, & a prepared house speaks them eloquently.*