



HOME PREPARATION CHECKLIST

A photo-ready home starts here.

A little preparation helps every room look its best. Complete this checklist before your photographer arrives for a smooth, relaxed session.

SHOOT DATE

SHOOT TIME

01 Exterior

- ☐ Move vehicles out of the driveway and away from the front of the home.
- ☐ Close the garage door; hide garbage and recycling bins.
- ☐ Clean windows.
- ☐ Mow the lawn and tidy landscaping. Coil hoses; remove litter and pet waste.
- ☐ Arrange outdoor seating to look welcoming.
- ☐ Put away toys and sports equipment.
- ☐ Clean the pool and surrounding area, if applicable.

02 Throughout the home

- ☐ Open drapes and blinds; move furniture blocking windows.
- ☐ Remove rugs to show tile or wood floors.
- ☐ Clear shoes, toys, umbrellas and everyday clutter.
- ☐ Hide visible cords and cables.
- ☐ Put away family photos and personal artwork.
- ☐ Turn off all ceiling fans to avoid motion blur.
- ☐ Replace burnt-out bulbs. Use matching light color within each room.
- ☐ Hide pet bowls, toys, blankets and beds. Keep pets safely secured during the shoot.



ROOM-BY-ROOM CHECKLIST

The finishing touches.

Clean surfaces, simple styling and clear floors help buyers focus on the home.

03 Kitchen

- ☐ Clear countertops and hide cleaning supplies, soaps and small appliances.
- ☐ Remove magnets, papers and photos from the refrigerator.
- ☐ Put away dishes and the drying rack; hide the trash can.
- ☐ Add a simple centerpiece, such as flowers or candles, to the table.

05 Bathrooms

- ☐ Close toilet lids and put out a full roll of toilet paper.
- ☐ Clear personal care items from vanities, shelves, tubs and showers.
- ☐ Hide cleaning brushes and trash cans.
- ☐ Hang one clean hand towel; remove floor mats.

04 Living & family rooms

- ☐ Arrange furniture to create an open, spacious feel.
- ☐ Put away magazines, papers and exercise equipment.
- ☐ Clear clutter from shelves and tables.
- ☐ Hide remotes and loose home theater cables.

06 Bedrooms

- ☐ Make beds, smooth bedspreads and straighten pillows.
- ☐ Put away visible clothing and clutter; close closet doors.
- ☐ Clear bedside tables; hide personal items and cables.
- ☐ Remove anything visible under beds.
- ☐ If possible, remove personal photos and wall stickers.

BEFORE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER ARRIVES

Do one final walk-through: surfaces clear, beds made, fans off and pets secured. Aim to have everything ready by your appointment time.