

House Preparation Checklist for Photoshoot

Preparing your home for a real estate photoshoot ensures the best possible results. Follow this checklist to highlight your property's strengths and create inviting, professional images.

General Tips

- Check all light bulbs and replace any that are not working.
- Remember the rule: less is more — declutter for cleaner visuals.
- Rooms appear larger without mats or rugs.
- Depersonalize: remove photos, diplomas, and personal notes.
- Hide all valuables such as jewelry, electronics, and wallets.

Exterior (Front, Back, Side Yard)

- Remove vehicles and trash bins from the driveway.
- Clear flyers, leaflets, and clutter from entryways.
- Neatly wind garden hoses or store them away.
- Remove toys, bottles, cans, and tools from the yard.
- Clean and arrange patio furniture neatly.
- Consider adding a touch of white flowers at the entry.

Foyer

- Clear away shoes, boots, coats, and boxes.
- Remove coats from hooks and organize the space.

Living / Dining / Family Rooms

- Declutter and polish surfaces for a sparkling finish.
- Remove toys, pet items, paperwork, and packing boxes.
- Add fresh flowers or live plants for warmth.

Kitchen

- No cooking during the photoshoot.
- Declutter: hide utensils, dishes, detergents, and boxes.
- Clear magnets and memos from the fridge.
- Organize countertops — small appliances are fine, hide cords.
- Display fresh fruits or stylish bottles for color.
- Ensure the stovetop is sparkling clean.

Bedrooms

- Remove clothes and clutter — nothing behind or on doors.
- Keep space under the bed clear and tidy.

- Avoid fans, water bottles, or tissue boxes in view.
- Make the bed neatly — we can't fix it digitally.

Bathrooms

- Keep toilet seats closed.
- Remove brushes, razors, soaps, and toiletries from surfaces.
- Hide bath items behind a curtain if needed.
- Avoid towels, mats, plungers, or bins in sight.
- Vanity sets may remain but should be tidy.

Basement

- Follow the same decluttering rules.
- Stack storage boxes neatly in a corner.

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