



Home Preparation Checklist

Highlights

(If nothing else try to do the highlights)

1. Turn all lights/lamps on
2. Turn ceiling fans off
3. Window blinds open to a flat position
4. Curtains open
5. Remove vehicle from driveway/garage if possible
6. Close toilet seats
7. Remove all toiletries from bathroom countertops
8. Remove clutter out of plain sight
9. Remove anything other than decorative items off of kitchen countertops
10. Hide trash cans

- Clean all surfaces and windows. Dust, and vacuum.
- Ensure that all lights have working bulbs.
- Turn OFF all ceiling fans, computers, and TVs. Turn all lights ON.
- Secure valuables, fire arms, checkbooks, monies.
- Remove/store all children's toys, stuffed animals, trophies, etc.

- Remove all personal items throughout the house, including photos, certificates, diplomas, trophies, religious items, etc.
- Remove all holiday decorations. They quickly make photographs look dated. Exterior
- Remove cars from driveway and front of the home.
- Remove visible water hoses, bicycles, toys, sports equipment, etc. Clean up pet waste.
- Remove trash cans.
- Clean and tidy up yard, porch(es), deck(s), etc.

Kitchen/Dining Room

- Clear all counter tops of clutter. Examples: paper towel holder, sponge, soap, kitchen towels, knick knacks, baking items, spices, mail, cutting boards, electronics.
- Remove everything from refrigerator doors and sides (magnets, photos, notes, etc.)
- Hide trash cans.
- Clear table, and dust/polish table top.
- Feature one center piece on dining room table. Nothing too busy.

Living/Family Room

- Remove all magazines and newspapers, mail, personal items, remote controls.
- If you have a fireplace, declutter mantle and remove all personal photos.

Master Bedroom

- Make your bed. Use your best linens and pillows. No wrinkles!
- Clear night stands of all personal items, clocks, cell phones, chargers, cables, remote controls, etc.
- Remove all clutter from tops of dressers.
- Remove all personal/family photos!
- Remove anything under your bed that might show in photos.

Other Bedrooms (kids, guest, office)

- Remove personalized name decals, stickers, and posters from walls.
- Pack up toys and stuffed animals
- Remove personal photos.
- Remove papers, bills, books, magazines, paper shredder, from office and dust electronics.

Bathrooms

- Clean bathroom thoroughly, including shower and tub.
- Clear vanity/counter top completely. No personal items, such as hygiene products, medications, soap, deodorant, makeup, grooming items, etc.
- Put toilet seats and lids down.

- Remove everything from the shower/tub.
- Remove rugs, floor mats, and trash container.
- Secure all prescription medications.
- Hang one set of fresh, clean towels on towel rack.
- Replace shower curtain if necessary.

Pets

- Remove all pet items: crates, beds, bowls, leashes, toys, litter box, etc.
- Use lint roller to remove hair and fur from fabric surfaces.
- Secure pets (both cats and dogs) during the photo shoot. They inevitably get in photos, cause reshoots, and slow down the photographer. Please, do not allow your pets to wander loose (inside or outside) during the photo shoot.