

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

Congratulations! You're working with a REALTOR® who knows the importance of having professional quality photos to market your home. Studies have shown that buyers choose the homes they want to see based on the quality and quantity of pictures they see online. In order for me to get the best possible images of your home, I'll need your help. Here are some things you can do to prepare your home for a photo shoot:

INSIDE

- ***Turn ON all lights, including lamps** – Turn **OFF** ceiling fans - moving fan blades blur in the photos.
- ***Replace any burnt out bulbs.** Make sure all light bulbs match. (*Warm white vs. Bright white*)
- ***Open Blinds** (in the up position) to let in as much natural.
If the view out a window isn't pleasing, leave curtains/blinds closed.
- ***Clean windows-** Camera can better capture views with clean streak free windows.

BATHROOM

- ***Remove toiletries-** Cologne, Medication, Tooth Brushes, jewelry and other personal items from bathroom counters.
- ***Shower-** Hide Shower bottles, loofahs, squeegees; from view of Glass Door.
- ***Close toilet lids.**

KITCHEN

- ***Remove small appliances- Toasters, Air fryers, Tea Kettles** from the counters. *No more than one countertop appliance.*
** Items that can be left out might include: decorative canisters, knife set, a colorful bowl or platter, you want it to be uncluttered, but not sterile.*
- ***Hide Towels** covering cabinets/ ovens, soap dispensers, trash cans, paper towel holders.
- ***Refrigerator- Remove everything from front** (magnets, pictures, calendars, etc.)
- ***Remove Large centerpieces** from center Island, so it doesn't block view.

Bedrooms

- ***Eliminate as much clutter as possible throughout**, including children's toys, clothing, piles of newspaper, remotes, medical devices, Weapons/ Guns
- ***Make all beds neatly** (avoid wrinkles, lumps, etc.); clear dressers of personal items

Laundry/ Mudroom

- ***Hide** Laundry detergent, cleaners, coat hangers & racks from doors.
- ***Remove-** shoes, Hats and jackets from coat racks

Office

- * **Stow away any valuables** such as iPad, iPod, or Laptops; unplug dangling cables/wires
- ***Remove** any Files or documentation from tops of desks.

Pets

- ***Stow away** pet bowls, crates, dog beds, cat towers, & litter boxes.
**Please have a plan for your furry friends, as not to be seen an pictures. Although we love them, we would not want to discourage buyers from looking at your property.*

******Helpful Hiding Tip ******

Closets, garages, pantry, or under sinks are great places to stow items that will not be photographed and out of sight from the camera lens.

OUTSIDE

- ***Remove** vehicles, trash cans, recycle bins, etc. from driveway and front of house.
- ***Sweep** driveway, walkways, porches, patios and decks.
- ***Remove hoses**, sprinklers, garden tools, pool floaties, children's/pet's toys.
- * **Mow** lawn **NO EARLIER** than 3 DAYS prior to appointment.
**This is to showcase the Vivid green grass and avoid any bareness or brown spots.*

It is our job to capture your home in the best way we can, and the technique of photography takes time.

So please allow 2 hours minimum for appointment time.

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