

Pre-Shoot Checklist

Essential Steps to Prepare Your Property for Professional Photography

EXTERIOR

- ☐ Remove vehicles from driveway
- ☐ Store garbage bins out of sight
- ☐ Clear walkways and driveway of debris
- ☐ Remove seasonal decorations
- ☐ Clean windows and screens
- ☐ Mow lawn and trim edges
- ☐ Remove garden tools and hoses
- ☐ Turn on landscape lighting (if applicable)
- ☐ Clean outdoor furniture
- ☐ Remove pool equipment and covers
- ☐ Clear leaves and debris from yard
- ☐ Store children's toys
- ☐ Remove visible water hoses
- ☐ Clean gutters of visible debris

INTERIOR - GENERAL

- ☐ Turn on ALL lights and lamps
- ☐ Replace any burnt-out bulbs
- ☐ Open all blinds/curtains fully
- ☐ Remove personal photos
- ☐ Clear countertops of clutter
- ☐ Empty all trash bins
- ☐ Hide power cords where possible
- ☐ Clean all mirrors and glass surfaces
- ☐ Vacuum/sweep all floors
- ☐ Remove seasonal decorations
- ☐ Hide pet items (beds, bowls, toys)
- ☐ Make all beds neatly
- ☐ Fluff and arrange all pillows
- ☐ Remove remote controls
- ☐ Hide children's toys

Store away personal items

KITCHEN

- ☐ Clear countertops (leave max 2-3 appliances)
- ☐ Remove magnets/papers from refrigerator
- ☐ Clean all appliances until they shine
- ☐ Remove dishes from sink
- ☐ Hide dish soap, sponges, towels
- ☐ Tuck away trash bins
- ☐ Remove floor mats
- ☐ Clear windowsills
- ☐ Hide paper towels
- ☐ Remove items from top of refrigerator
- ☐ Clean inside of microwave
- ☐ Organize visible pantry items

BATHROOMS

- ☐ Clear countertops completely
- ☐ Remove ALL personal hygiene items
- ☐ Clean mirrors and glass thoroughly
- ☐ Remove toilet items and plunger
- ☐ Hide trash bins
- ☐ Remove used towels
- ☐ Close toilet lids
- ☐ Remove bath mats
- ☐ Remove shower curtains (if stained)
- ☐ Clear items from shower/tub
- ☐ Remove cleaning supplies
- ☐ Store away personal robes

BEDROOMS

- ☐ Make beds with fresh, wrinkle-free linens
- ☐ Clear nightstands of personal items
- ☐ Remove family photos
- ☐ Store away clothing and shoes
- ☐ Clear floors of all items
- ☐ Organize closets (if to be photographed)
- ☐ Remove exercise equipment
- ☐ Hide phone chargers and cables
- ☐ Remove personal items from walls
- ☐ Clean under beds (if visible)

FINAL CHECKS

- ☐ All lights on and working
- ☐ All doors open (except closets)
- ☐ Blinds/curtains open and even
- ☐ Personal items secured
- ☐ Property access instructions ready
- ☐ Alarm codes available (if needed)
- ☐ Pets secured or removed
- ☐ HVAC set to comfortable temperature
- ☐ All rooms decluttered
- ☐ Windows clean inside and out
- ☐ Fresh air flowing through house
- ☐ All ceiling fans off

Pro Tip: Complete this checklist the day before your photo session to ensure everything is ready. A well-prepared property photographs beautifully and makes a stronger impression on potential buyers.

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