



PRE-SHOOT CHECKLIST

TIPS FOR GETTING YOUR HOUSE READY FOR PHOTOS

General

- Thoroughly clean the whole house: Vacuum carpet, mop hard floors, clean countertops, clean windows.
- Paint rooms that are bold or dark colors, to a light, neutral, color
- Remove personal photos, art & knickknacks, or replace with non-specific art or décor
- Remove moving boxes & other ugly storage containers
- Remove all junk mail, bills, & other assorted paperwork from sight
- Replace broken blinds & open all blinds in the house uniformly. Ask your agent if they prefer blinds down and turned-open (horizontally), or pulled-up and bunched at top.
- Turn off ceiling fans & televisions
- Replace burned out light bulbs with bulbs of the same temperature (ALL incandescent or ALL compact fluorescent)
- Fresh, white, flowers in small bouquets look lovely almost anywhere
- A picture is worth a thousand words, & a prepared house speaks them eloquently.*

Exterior

- Trim grass & shrubs, blow leaves, & place fresh pine straw or mulch
- Park all cars inside a garage or down the street away from the house
- Blow-off hard surfaces incl. sidewalks, driveways, stairs, porches, patios & decks
- Put away hoses, hose reels, sprinklers, & garbage bins
- Remove covers from well-maintained grills & furniture; Cover or remove neglected ones
- Remove covers, debris, & cleaning tools from swimming pools
- Turn on pool fountains/water features

Kitchen

- Clear counters of non-essential items & personal décor
- Remove all items from the fridge doors, sides, & top
- Put away all dishes, dish towels, & paper towels
- Decorate with a bowl of fresh fruit or a small, simple, bouquet of flowers

Bathrooms

- Replace used towels & washcloths with clean, fluffy, white towels
- Remove all loofahs, scrubbies, robes, razors, toothbrushes, soaps, cosmetics, & scales

Kid's Rooms

- Organize smaller toys & books into cute baskets or wicker bins
- Remove large toys, Pack 'n Plays, diaper pails, & large play tables
- Remove décor that visibly displays the names of children

Pets & Pet Items

- Remove dogs to an area that will not be photographed.
- Remove food dishes, pet beds, toys, scratching posts, & "pet waste"
- Use lint roller on furniture to remove pet hair
- Clear backyard of pet waste/toys

Living Room/Family Room

- Remove stacks of magazines, papers, mail, etc.
- De-clutter fireplace mantel/ hearth (no more than 5 items)
- Clean interior of fireplace and re-paint if needed
- Fluff and arrange furniture/ pillows
- Remove kids'/ pets' toys

Bedrooms

- Make bed, including decorative pillows/ shams if available
- Press bed linens and bed skirts
- Clear nightstands of all personal items
- Store away phone/ tablet charging cables
- Remove all clutter from top of dressers
- Remove family photos from walls
- Clean under bed, removing items that may show in the photos