

✓ My Checklist To prepare my house for photography

Please have the property fully prepared prior to the appointment, so the photographer may focus solely on creating great images within the allotted time. *All cleaning, staging, and other preparations should be completed by the appointment start time. The house will be photographed as-is.*

**A custom list from a stager or your agent should be prioritized above this general-purpose list.

- 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 pool areas
- 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 and pet items:
 - Remove dogs to an area that will not be photographed.
 - Remove food dishes, pet beds, toys, scratching posts, & "landmines"
- General:
 - Paint rooms that to a light, on-trend 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 dead light bulbs, & match bulbs (color & type) within rooms & throughout connected spaces. For example: An open floorplan may need all bulbs on that level changed to soft white LED, so they match color & type. Avoid CFL bulbs.
 - Fresh, white, flowers in small bouquets look lovely almost anywhere
 - A picture is worth a thousand words, & a prepared house speaks them eloquently.*