



# PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE REAL ESTATE PHOTOGRAPHER

## GENERAL AREAS

- De-clutter as much as possible, especially excessively furnished rooms – store excess in garage.
- Make sure all light bulbs work (and match – warm preferred)
- Removed all personal items (i.e. photos)
- Tidy/hide power cords
- Move garbage & recycling cans out of sight
- Remove piles of mail, newspapers and magazines
- Clean windows inside and out
- Turn on all lights
- Pull blinds to the very top of the window.

## LIVING AREAS & FAMILY ROOMS

- Turn off TV and tuck remotes away
- Remove toys, fans, game consoles
- Remove exercise bikes/equipment
- Arrange DVDs, games & books neatly in shelves
- Turn off and clean ceiling fan

## KITCHEN/DINING AREAS

- Clean and put away all dishes/cutlery
- Remove small appliances from countertops
- Clean back splashes, range hoods and front of large appliances (especially stainless steel)
- Remove detergents, dish cloths, dish rack, tea towels and drain plugs
- Ensure range hood lights are working
- Remove all objects from the refrigerator (magnets, photos, etc.)
- Remove pet bowls
- Tuck away clutter (salt & pepper, coffee, cereal boxes, etc.)



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## BEDROOMS

- Make all beds. Solid color linens photograph best.
- De-clutter toys, books, games, tissue boxes, etc.
- Remove all personal items.
- Ensure bedside lamps are working.
- Tuck away clothing, etc.

## BATHROOMS/POWDER ROOMS

- Remove all soaps/shampoo/face washes/bath mats/toys/scales
- Remove all tooth brushes/tooth paste/razors/hair dryers
- Make sure glass and mirrors are spotless
- Remove all non-matching towels
- Remove toilet cleaning accessories
- Ensure toilet roll is not empty
- Close all toilet lids

## OUTSIDE AREAS

- Mow and rake lawn. Pick up leaves and sticks.
- Remove garden equipment (hoses, etc.)
- Sweep driveway, sidewalks, decks and porches.
- Tidy garden. Remove weeds.
- Remove clothes and pins from clothes lines.
- Pool / Spa Area: Ensure pool is clean
- Remove all pool cleaners and poles. Remove pool toys.
- Remove cars/boats/bikes/trailers from driveway.

## NOTE:

We do not photograph inside closets, unfinished areas including inside the garage or storage sheds unless requested by your agent. Feel to use these areas to keep items out of site. We also cannot photograph the exterior of a home in the rain. Please be flexible if requested to reschedule due to inclement weather.



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