

Photography Prep Checklist

Inside the home

- De-clutter as much as possible. Use laundry bins to temporarily store excess toys, clothing, and other miscellaneous stuff lying about
- Dust, vacuum, and mop floors
- Make all the beds, fluff all the pillows, and straighten bed skirts
- Clean & clear the kitchen sink and countertops, and put away all the dishes. Remove all magnets, photos, and decorations from the refrigerator
- Clear all bathroom countertops and store toiletries, personal items, shampoos, conditioners, body washes, etc. in a caddy under the sink
- Wipe down fixtures and faucets
- Fold a nice set of towels neatly on the rack
- Hide all trash cans
- If there are pets, hide all food and water bowls, beds, litter boxes, toys, etc.
- Put all toilet seats and lids down
- Replace all burned-out light bulbs
- Consider removing all window screens and placing them in the garage. Then clean the windows & mirrors (a 50/50 solution of vinegar & warm water works great)
- Consider decorating the tables with your prettiest place settings. Straighten and push in chairs
- Consider putting out vases of fresh flowers

Outside the Home

- Have the lawn trimmed, leaves raked, and bushes and trees pruned
- Clean up any pet mess
- Put away all garbage cans, hoses, garden tools, toys, bikes, etc.
- Open the umbrellas on a patio set
- Uncover grills
- Consider adding splashes of bright-colored potted flowers

Right Before the Photographer Arrives

- Turn on ALL interior lights – even under cabinet lighting, microwave light, etc
- Turn OFF all ceiling fans
- Light fireplaces
- Turn off TVs
- If there is a view, open all blinds, shades, and curtains
- Turn on any water features and hot tub jets
- Clear all cars and vehicles from the driveway and the street in front of the home
- Secure animals in a safe location