

Preparing a Property for Professional Photography: A Quick Guide

To ensure your property looks its absolute best in photos, follow these steps to create a clean, inviting, and visually appealing space. A little preparation goes a long way in making your listing stand out!

Exterior

- Curb Appeal: Mow the lawn, trim bushes, remove weeds, and sweep driveways or sidewalks.
- Remove Clutter: Hide garbage bins, hoses, tools, and children's toys.
- Outdoor Furniture: Arrange patio furniture neatly; remove covers or excessive decorations.
- Cars and Vehicles: Park cars away from the driveway and curb areas in front of the home.
- Pool/Hot Tub: Clean the pool, remove pool toys, and store away cleaning equipment.

Interior General

- **Declutter**: Clear countertops, shelves, and surfaces of personal items, papers, and unnecessary decor.
- Clean Thoroughly: Vacuum carpets, mop floors, dust furniture, and wipe mirrors/windows.
- **Lighting**: Replace burnt-out bulbs and turn on all lights during the shoot. Use matching bulb types for consistent lighting.
- Remove Personal Items: Hide family photos, personal collections, and valuables.
- Pets: Keep pets out of sight and store bowls, beds, and toys.

Living Areas

• Arrange Furniture: Create an open and inviting layout that shows off space.

- Remove Excess Decor: Keep it simple and tasteful to appeal to a wide audience.
- **Hide Cords**: Tuck away cables and wires for a clean look.

Kitchen

- Clear Countertops: Remove small appliances, dish racks, and food items.
- Clean Appliances: Wipe down the stove, fridge, and sink.
- Remove Trash: Empty trash cans and remove dishcloths or sponges.
- Add a Touch of Style: Consider adding a bowl of fresh fruit or a small plant.

Bathrooms

- Clean and Sparkle: Scrub sinks, mirrors, and glass surfaces.
- Hide Personal Items: Store toothbrushes, razors, and toiletries out of sight.
- Tidy Towels: Use neatly folded, clean, and matching towels.
- Close Lids: Toilet seats should always be down.

Bedrooms

- Make Beds: Use clean, wrinkle-free bedding and decorative pillows if available.
- Declutter: Remove items from bedside tables and under the bed.
- **Tidy Closets**: For open closets, organize them neatly.

Additional Tips

- Timing: Schedule photography during good weather and daylight hours for optimal lighting.
- **Be Ready on Time**: The property should be fully prepared before the photographer arrives.
- Final Sweep: Do a quick walkthrough to ensure all areas are camera-ready.

This preparation not only ensures high-quality photos but also highlights the property's best features, making it more attractive to potential buyers.

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