

Home Preparation Checklist

A little preparation goes a long way. These steps help your listing photograph at its best and keep the appointment on schedule. Please have the property ready before arrival — the space is photographed as presented on the day of the shoot.

General

- ☐ Turn on all lamps and overhead lighting
- ☐ Replace any missing or broken light bulbs
- ☐ Raise all blinds to the midpoint of the windows
- ☐ Hide all remote controls
- ☐ Tuck away visible cords (lamps, extensions, computers)
- ☐ Turn off all televisions and computers
- ☐ Remove personal photos
- ☐ Stop all ceiling fans
- ☐ Clear and organize the home office (box or file loose papers)
- ☐ Sweep and mop all floors
- ☐ Make all beds and close closet doors
- ☐ Remove shoes from all areas
- ☐ Clear all items off bedside tables
- ☐ Move trash cans out of sight
- ☐ Keep pets contained in an area that won't be photographed
- ☐ Remove signs of pets (crates, bowls, food, litter box)

Kitchen

- ☐ Clear all dishes from the sink
- ☐ Clear appliances and clutter from the counters (1–2 small appliances may stay for scale)
- ☐ Remove magnets and items from the refrigerator
- ☐ Remove all floor mats
- ☐ Move the trash can out of sight

Bathrooms

- ☐ Remove all items from the shower and bath
- ☐ Clear all bathroom countertops
- ☐ Close all toilet lids
- ☐ Remove floor mats and area rugs
- ☐ Move the trash can out of sight

Exterior

- ☐ Move cars away from the front of the home and driveway
- ☐ Hide outdoor trash cans and hoses
- ☐ Mow the lawn and tidy landscaping
- ☐ Clean up the patio area

Questions before the shoot?

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