Photo Preparation

Remember that on the day your photos are taken we’re creating a permanent record of what your house looks like which makes this the single most important day in terms of the overall condition of your home. Please take the time the evening before and morning of your photography date to make sure the following things are taken care of.

Note: Please remember that the photographer maintains a schedule and is likely photographing other houses on the same day. Your home needs to be 100% ready to shoot at the time of your appointment.

All Rooms:

1. Turn on all lights and lamps.
2. Close all closet doors.
3. Hide all trash cans in closets or under cabinets.
4. Put away any shoes, clothes, papers, dog leashes, keys, mail, and other personal items that may be sitting around your home.
5. Open all blinds.
6. Hide any cords that aren’t necessary for a lamp to be on. For example you can unplug flat panel televisions and tie the cords up behind it. Put phone chargers away.

Kitchen:

1. Put away any non-decorative dishtowels, rags, etc.
2. Put away any soaps, cleaning supplies, dish detergent, scrubbers, etc.
3. Make sure all dishes are put away.
4. All surfaces - counter tops, sinks, appliances, etc should be spotless.

Bathrooms

1. Put away any visible toiletries including those visible through shower doors. Remove any hanging shower racks visible through shower doors.
2. Close shower curtains and doors. Glass shower doors should be spotless.
3. Close toilet lids.
4. All surfaces including mirrors, countertops, sinks, and faucets should be gleaming.

Bedrooms

1. Make beds - turn them down the way you would find in a hotel upon check in.
2. Close closet doors.
3. Make sure all non-decorative items such as phone chargers, magazines, clothes, shoes, remote controls, etc are out of sight.
Outside:

1. Hide trashcans. The garage or, better yet, a neighbor’s house is a good place.
2. Make sure lawn equipment, hoses, etc are put away.
3. Hide any small, movable toys.
4. If you have a pool make sure the water is clean and clear.
5. Remove and hide any furniture covers and make sure stored cushions are in place.
6. Make sure the lawn has been mowed & edged and all surfaces have been swept.