

Pre-Shoot Prep Checklist

A little prep makes a huge difference in the final photos - and keeps your shoot fast and on schedule. Please have the property camera-ready **before** we arrive. We photograph the home as we find it; we don't move large furniture, clean, or remove personal items on site.

Tip: Turn ON every light in the house and replace any dead bulbs the day before. Warm, even light is what makes interiors glow.

Whole-Home Essentials

- Turn on ALL interior lights; replace burnt-out or mismatched bulbs
- Open all blinds, shades, and curtains for natural light
- Turn OFF all ceiling fans and TVs
- Declutter every surface - counters, tables, nightstands, dressers
- Hide cords, chargers, remotes, and visible wires
- Remove personal items: family photos, mail, calendars, sticky notes
- Conceal trash cans, recycling bins, and laundry baskets
- Tidy and straighten furniture, pillows, and rugs
- Remove pets, pet bowls, beds, toys, and litter boxes from view
- Secure pets safely off-site or in a contained area during the shoot

Kitchen

- Clear counters down to 1-2 decorative items
- Remove magnets, papers, and notes from the refrigerator
- Hide dish soap, sponges, drying racks, and towels
- Run/empty the dishwasher and clear the sink
- Wipe down counters, appliances, and stovetop

Bathrooms

- Clear counters of toiletries, brushes, and products
- Remove personal items from the shower/tub
- Close toilet lids
- Hang fresh, matching towels (or remove towels entirely)
- Remove floor mats, scales, and trash cans

Bedrooms

- Make all beds neatly; smooth comforters and pillows
- Clear nightstands and dressers
- Remove items from the floor and under-bed clutter
- Tidy or close closets if they'll be photographed

Living & Dining

- Fluff and straighten pillows and throws
- Clear coffee/side tables to a few decor items
- Remove children's toys and play areas if possible
- Set the dining table simply or leave it clean and clear

Exterior & Curb Appeal

- Move ALL vehicles out of the driveway and away from the front
- Roll trash/recycling bins out of sight
- Mow, edge, and remove leaves, hoses, and yard tools
- Tidy the porch; remove door mats with wear, shoes, and clutter
- Clean pool/spa and remove cleaning equipment
- Put away children's outdoor toys, trampolines if feasible

Just Before We Arrive

- Final walk-through with lights on
- Climate set comfortably (we may be there 1-2 hours)
- Pets secured; occupants ready to give us space to work

Questions about prepping a specific space? Reach out before the shoot.

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