

Preparing Your Home For A Professional Photo Shoot

General Guidelines

The photo shoot should take no more than two hours. I will be photographing the inside and outside of your home including all major rooms. You can have a direct impact on how well your home will look in the photos by following these guidelines.

Throughout Home

- De-clutter rooms which may be excessively furnished as they do not photograph well
- Throw rugs and runners in entryways, kitchen, and bathrooms should be removed
- Replace any burned out light bulbs in fixtures and lamps

The Home Exterior

- Remove all vehicles from driveway(s) and do not park directly in front of the house
- Move garbage cans out of sight
- Remove all garden tools including hoses and sprinklers
- Remove all children's toys, bikes, etc. from the yard or driveway
- If you have a pool, remove the pool sweep, cleaning equipment and any pool toys
- Mow and rake yard
- Sweep driveway, sidewalks and patios

The Living & Family Room

- Remove piles of newspaper and magazines
- Hide all TV/stereo remote controls
- Conceal all exposed cables as best as possible
- Remove clutter and personal photos from bookshelves, tables and cabinets
- Move trash cans out of view to a closet or cupboard

Kitchen

- Clear off countertops and remove any small appliances and clutter (i.e.: toaster, coffee pot, knife block)
- Remove photos, notes and papers from the refrigerator
- Clean the major appliances (refrigerator, oven, range hood) and wipe down countertops

Dining Room

- Set the table with your best China and dinnerware
- Add a colorful centerpiece such as candles or flowers
- Conceal any exposed electrical cords

Bedrooms

- Make all beds and tidy bedrooms
- Clothes should be hung, folded and put away
- Remove items from bedside tables ~ books, magazines, pictures, clock radios, etc.

Bathrooms

- Clear all personal items off countertops (i.e.: toothbrushes, soap dishes, tissue, lotion, makeup, etc.)
- Remove shampoo and other products from the shower/tub area
- Close the lid on all toilet seats
- Clean mirrors
- Hang fresh linens

Final Touches

- Contain pets in the garage or out of sight
- Turn on all interior lights
- Turn ceiling fans and televisions off