

Getting Your Home Ready for Photos

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To ensure your home looks its absolute best and sells as quickly as possible, please complete this checklist **before** the scheduled appointment time.

Please Note: As the photographer, I focus on composition and lighting. I am not able to clean, move furniture, or declutter during the shoot. The home should be "shoot-ready" upon my arrival.

Exterior (Curb Appeal)

- Vehicles:** Remove all cars from the driveway and front of the house. (Park them in the garage or down the street).
- Landscaping:** Mow the lawn, rake leaves, and sweep the porch/walkways.
- Clutter:** Hide garden hoses, trash cans, and recycling bins (inside the garage or on the side of the house not being photographed).
- Patio:** Uncover outdoor furniture and fluff cushions. Open patio umbrellas.
- Pool/Spa:** Clean the pool and turn on any water features (fountains/waterfalls).

General Interior

- Lighting:** Turn **ON** all interior lights (overhead, lamps, and under-cabinet lights). Replace any burnt-out bulbs.
- Fans:** Turn **OFF** all ceiling fans.
- Windows:** Open all blinds and curtains to let natural light in. (Slats should be horizontal/open).
- Personal Items:** Remove piles of mail, shoes by the door, and personal photos if privacy is a concern.

Kitchen

- Counters:** Clear completely! A coffee maker or a decorative bowl of fruit is okay, but remove toasters, blenders, knife blocks, and soap bottles.
- Fridge:** Remove all magnets, photos, and papers from the refrigerator door.
- Sink:** Empty the sink and hide sponges/dish towels.

- Trash:** Hide all trash cans in a pantry or closet.

Bathrooms

- Toilet Lids:** Put **DOWN** all toilet lids.
- Countertops:** Clear off toothbrushes, razors, hair dryers, and soap dispensers.
- Showers:** Remove shampoos, loofahs, and hanging racks.
- Towels:** Hang fresh, matching towels (or remove them entirely).

Bedrooms

- Beds:** Make all beds neatly. Fluff pillows and smooth out wrinkles in comforters.
- Nightstands:** Clear off distinct personal items (glasses, charging cables, tissues).
- Under Beds:** Ensure nothing is visible peeking out from under the bed.

Pets

- Containment:** Please secure pets in a crate (out of sight) or take them for a walk during the shoot.
- Items:** Hide food bowls, water bowls, pet beds, and cat trees.

What to Expect

- **Duration:** The shoot will take approximately 45–90 minutes depending on the size of the home.
- **Drone Operations:** If aerial media was booked, I will fly the drone first or last depending on weather conditions.
- **Delivery:** Photos will be edited and delivered via online gallery within 24–48 hours.

Thank you for your preparation!

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