

Preparing Your Home For A Professional Photo Shoot

General Guidelines

Our professional photographer will arrive and begin work as soon as they enter your home. They will be photographing both the inside and outside including most major rooms. Please make sure that everything is ready for your scheduled appointment. You can have a **direct impact** on how well your home will look in the photos by following these guidelines.

SEE the difference!!

See what de-cluttering will do? This is the same kitchen. This is why it's important to clean up your rooms before the photographer shows up!!



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

The Home Exterior

- Remove all vehicles from driveways 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.
- If you have a pool, remove the pool sweep, pool cleaning equipment and any pool toys.
- Mow and rake yard.
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and patios.

The Living & Family Room

- Remove piles of newspaper and magazines.
- Hide all TV/Stereo remotes.
- Conceal all exposed cables as best possible.
- Remove clutter, personal photos, etc. from bookshelves, tables and cabinets.
- Tuck trash cans out of view in a closet or cupboard.

The Bedrooms

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

The Kitchen

- Clear off counter tops and remove any appliances, ie. toasters, coffee pots, knife blocks.
- Remove photos, notes and papers from the refrigerator.
- Clean the major appliances – refrigerator, oven, range hood, and wipe down all countertops.

The 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.

The Bathrooms

- Clear off the countertops – toothbrushes, shavers, soap dishes, tissue and lotion dispensers, makeup mirrors, etc. should all be cleared away.
- Remove shampoo and other products from the shower/tub area.
- All toilet seats should be down and lid closed.
- Mirrors should be clean.

The Final Touches

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