

# HOW TO PREP FOR YOUR PHOTOSHOOT

Professional real estate photography plays an imperative role in the marketing of your home to grab the attention of potential buyers and showcase a space they can envision themselves living in. Your photographer will have the experience and artistry to capture your home's best attributes more effectively if your home is entirely photo-ready before they arrive. Since this is a schedule-based service, your photographer will not have the time to rearrange or tidy up any part of the home during your appointment and expect a distraction-free environment in order to achieve their best work. Use these tips to ensure that your home is photo-ready prior to your photographer's arrival.

# **General Interior:**

-Turn on all lights and lamps and replace any light bulbs necessary

-Adjust blinds, shutters, and curtains to let natural light in and show off any views

-Clean the interior and exterior of all windows

-Vacuum and mop floor surfaces

-Clean all countertop, furniture, cabinet, and appliance surfaces

-Turn off ceiling fans, TVs, and computer screens

-Remove personal photos and items from each room

- -Remove pet items from each room
- -Remove any bulky or unnecessary furniture, especially near entryways.

-Add pops of color throughout the home such as greenery and/or flowers

# Living Room

-Remove all personal items from table and shelving surfaces with the exception of decorative items and centerpieces

-Turn off TV and remove remotes, gaming consoles, and exposed cords/cables

-Arrange and fluff throw pillows, throws/blankets, couch cushions and chairs

## Kitchen

-Remove all items from kitchen countertops and islands with the exception of decorative items

-Remove all trashcans, dish towels, floormats, soap dispensers, paper towel holders and other cleaning materials

-Remove all items from the outside of the refrigerator

#### **Dining Room**

-Remove all items from table with the exception of a centerpiece

-Straighten out table, chairs, and rug to ensure everything is spaced out appropriately

#### **Bedrooms**

-Declutter table, dresser, nightstand, and shelving surfaces by removing all personal items with the exception of minimal decorative items

-Turn off TV and remove remotes and exposed cords/cables

-Make the bed neatly and arrange and fluff pillows and throws/blankets

-Remove anything that can seen underneath the bed

#### **Bathrooms**

-Remove all items from countertops and shelving surfaces with the exception of minimal decorative items

-Remove all items including toiletries from the shower and bathtub

-Remove all bath rugs, trashcans and bath scales

-Hang clean towels straight and evenly

-Close all toilet lids

## Home Office

-Remove all items from desk and table with the exception of decorative items and computer

-Turn off computer screen and remove all exposed cords/cables

## Front & Back Exterior

-Clear all vehicles from the driveway and road in front of the house

-Powerwash the house, driveway, porch, and patio/deck

-Tidy up the lawn and landscaping

-Remove all garbage cans, lawn equipment, water hoses, and toys from front, back and side of house

-Straighten out patio furniture and clear off all tables with the exception of plants and decorative items

-Open up patio umbrella

-Clean pool and remove pool cleaner and other supplies

-Remove barbeque grill covers

# **Twilight Shoot**

-Ensure that all lights in the interior and exterior of the house remain on through the duration of the shoot, with the exception of flood lights

-Remove all window screens

-Ensure all exterior lighting is functioning, replace bulbs if necessary

-Turn off all lighting timers to ensure that lights stay on through the duration of the shoot