

Preparing Your Home For A Professional Photo Shoot



General Guidelines

The photo-shoot should take no more than 2 hours. I will be photographing both 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.

- De-clutter rooms which may be excessively furnished or decorated (bric-a-brac, artificial flowers, etc.) 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, i.e. 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. (Optional)
- Add a colorful centerpiece such as candles or flowers.

The Bathrooms

- Clear off the countertops – toothbrushes, shavers, soap dishes, tissue & lotion dispensers, makeup mirrors, etc.
- 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.