



Helpful Tips to Get Your Home Ready for Photos

It's always important to prepare your home to look its best before photos. GREAT photos will help your home make a valuable first impression and get buyers in the door! Here are a few helpful tips to get you started.

1. INSIDE THE HOME

- **De-clutter** as much as possible. Put away clothing, dishes, kid toys, shoes, dog toys and bowls.
- Depersonalize to a certain degree. Take down family photos and things on the refrigerator.
- **Make all the beds.**
- Clean the kitchen sink and put away all the dishes.
- Clear all kitchen counter tops and put coffee makers, toasters, can openers, etc. away.
- Clear all bathroom counter tops and **put away all personal items.**
- Remove all shampoos, conditioners, body-washes, and soap from the shower. **Remove towels and rugs.** I want to see the floors!
- Hide all trash cans.
- Put all toilet seats and lids down.
- **Replace all burned out light bulbs.**

2. OUTSIDE THE HOME

- Have the lawn trimmed, leaves raked, bushes and trees pruned.
- Clean up after any animal
- Put away all **garbage cans**, hoses, garden tools, toys, bikes etc.
- Hide any "cute" yard decorations.
- Clean and uncover the pool/hot tub.
- Open the umbrellas on any patio sets.
- Uncover grills (when in season)
- Consider some landscaping updates (add potted plants for some color).

3. DAY OF SHOOT

- Turn on **ALL** interior lights – Accent lighting, lamps etc.
- Turn **OFF** all ceiling fans.
- Open all blinds, shades, and curtains.
- Move all cars and vehicles from the driveway and the street in front of the home.