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Preparing Your Home for a Photoshoot

General Tips

- Clean all surfaces and windows. Dust, and vacuum.
- All light bulbs in a room should be the same type lightbulbs (LEDs, halogen, incandescent, etc). Ensure that all lights have working bulbs.
- Turn all ceiling fans, computers, and TVs OFF. Turn all lights ON.
- Secure valuables, fire arms, checkbooks, monies.
- Remove/store all children's toys, stuffed animals, trophies, etc.
- Remove all personal items throughout the house, including photos, certificates, diplomas, trophies, etc. Get ready to move - start packing!
- Remove all holiday decorations. They quickly make photographs look dated.

Exterior

- Remove cars from driveway and front of the home.
- Remove visible water hoses, bicycles, toys, sports equipment, etc. Clean up pet waste.
- Remove trash cans.
- Clean and tidy up yard, porch(es), deck(s), etc.

Kitchen/Dining Room

- Clear all counter tops of clutter. *Examples:* paper towel holder, sponge, soap, kitchen towels, knick knacks, baking items, spices, mail, cutting boards, electronics.
- Remove everything from refrigerator doors and sides (magnets, photos, notes, etc.)
- Hide trash cans.
- Clear table, and dust/polish table top.
- Feature one center piece on dining room table. Nothing too busy.

Living/Family Room

- Remove all magazines and newspapers, mail, personal items, remote controls.
- If you have a fireplace, declutter mantle and remove all personal photos.
- Fluff and arrange pillows on furniture.

Master Bedroom

- Make your bed. Use your best linens and pillows. No wrinkles!
- Clear night stands of all personal items, clocks, cell phones, chargers, cables, remote controls, etc.
- Remove all clutter from tops of dressers.
- Remove all personal/family photos!
- Clean under your bed and remove anything that might show in your photos.

Other Bedrooms (kids, guest, office)

- Remove personalized name decals, stickers, and posters from walls.
- Pack up toys and stuffed animals (get ready to move!)
- Remove personal photos.
- Remove papers, bills, books, magazines, paper shredder, from office and dust electronics.

Bathrooms

- Clean bathroom thoroughly, including shower and tub.
- Clear vanity/counter top *completely*. No personal items, such as hygiene products, medications, soap, deodorant, makeup, grooming items, etc.
- Put toilet seats and lids down.
- Remove *everything* from the shower/tub.
- Remove rugs, floor mats, and trash container.
- Secure all prescription medications.
- Hang one set of fresh, clean towels on towel rack.
- Replace shower curtain if necessary.

Pets

- Remove all pet items: crates, beds, bowls, leashes, toys, litter box, etc.
- Use lint roller to remove hair and fur from fabric surfaces.
- Secure pets (both cats and dogs) during the photo shoot. They inevitably get in photos, cause reshoots, and slow down the photographer. *Please*, do not allow your pets to wander loose (inside or outside) during the photo shoot.