

How do I get a home photo-ready? Here's a checklist!

General

- Make sure all light fixtures work properly
- Turn off ceiling fans
- Open all window blinds/curtains
- Wipe down countertops and clean or vacuum floors
- Remove small floor rugs to showcase flooring (i.e. kitchen, bathroom)
- Put away personal effects you do not wish to appear in published images (i.e.: children's names in bedrooms, family photos, confidential information, and religious/political items)
- Limit holiday and seasonal decorations as they can date the photos
- Remove all pet items (i.e.: toys, bowls, beds, scratching posts, and litter boxes)
- Kennel pets, if possible

Kitchen

- Clean all major appliances (i.e.: refrigerator, oven, range hood, etc)
- Clean and clear off countertops and remove small appliances (i.e.: toaster, coffee pot, etc.)
- Remove all items from refrigerator doors (i.e.: photos, notes, magnets, and paper)
- Put away dish towels and paper towels
- Make sure the sink is clean and free of dishes
- Remove garbage and recycling cans



COVID-19 Protocol

- Reschedule Your Shoot If Any Occupants Are Sick Or Have Been In Contact With COVID-19
- Disinfect Common Surfaces Including
 - Doorknobs & Light Switches
 - Tables & Countertops
 - Find Approved Disinfectants at: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)
- Respect Social Distancing Guidelines: Keep Home Vacant During Photoshoot
- Photographers will move a very limited amount of personal items in the home
 - Remove Items You Don't Want in the Photographs
 - Turn On Lights Before the Appointment!

Living Room

- Remove or straighten books, magazines, movies, and other items on open bookshelves
- Remove extra or unnecessary furniture
- Straighten and adjust couch and chair cushions
- Clear off and organize end tables
- Put away children's toys, video games, consoles, and controllers

Bedroom

- Make sure beds are made and as lump-free as possible
- Remove all laundry, slippers, and shoes
- Clear off nightstands and vanities
- If walk-in closets are to be photographed, they should appear neat and organized

Bathroom

- Remove all shampoos, soaps, lotions, and bath products
- Put away toothbrushes, combs, razors, and beauty products
- Remove the scale, garbage can, plunger, and toilet brush
- Replace toilet paper roll if needed
- Put out clean towels and make sure they are hung or nicely folded
- Clean mirrors

Office

- Remove stacks of paper and clutter from desk
- Remove or hide any unnecessary cables or cords
- Put away garbage cans and shredder
- Straighten books and any items on shelves

Foyer / Mudroom / Laundry

- Put away coats and shoes or display neatly
- Remove backpacks and bags or display neatly
- Remove baskets, clothing, and laundry products
- Empty washing machine and dryer (if visible)



Exterior

- Turn on all exterior lighting and ensure they work properly
- Move vehicles and trailers from driveway and away from front of home
- Open all blinds and curtains
- Place garbage and recycling cans in garage or out of sight
- Close all windows and doors, including garage doors
- Display and arrange patio/deck furniture, cushions, and pillows
- Open umbrellas
- Sweep deck and patio
- Remove all gardening tools, hoses, and sprinklers
- Shovel driveway and sidewalks
- Remove pool covers
- Put away pool toys and cleaning equipment
- Turn off exterior floodlights (for twilight shoots)
- Turn on all interior lighting (for twilight shoots)