

How Do I Get A Home Photo-Ready? Here's a Checklist!

Here are some tips on preparing your home before your Visual Media photographer arrives.

Follow these helpful tips and tricks for the best results!

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 affects 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/seasonal decorations as they can date the photos
- Remove all pet items (i.e.: toys, bowls, beds, scratching posts and litter boxes)
- If possible, kennel pets

Foyer / Mudroom / Laundry

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

Office

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

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

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

Exterior

- Turn on all exterior lighting and ensure they work properly
- Move vehicles/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
- Straighten and arrange deck furniture
- Open umbrellas
- Sweep deck and patio
- Remove all gardening tools, hoses and sprinklers
- Shovel driveway and sidewalks
- Put away pool toys and cleaning equipment
- Turn on all interior lighting.

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