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## **Is Your Home Ready for Professional Photos? PRE-Photo Prep List**

### **DECLUTTER!!!**

- Box up, throw away, or donate as much as possible prior to your photography appointment.
- Move all boxes to the garage, new home, or storage unit.

### **CLEAN!!!**

- Sweep, mop, and/or vacuum entire home.
- Have carpets cleaned.
- Patch any holes in the wall.
- Touch up paint (make sure that the color and sheen is a perfect match, or repaint the entire area).
- Power wash driveway and walkways.
- The best gift you can give yourself is to hire a professional cleaner after you are done decluttering.

### **ILLUMINATE!!!**

- Clean windows and glass doors inside and out.
- Open all blinds and curtains.
- Check every lightbulb in the house to make sure that it is working and matches the color and shape of the other bulbs in that fixture.

### **Exterior:**

- Remove all hoses, toys, trash cans, pet items, and anything unnecessary (including dog poo).
- Porches and patios should only have clean outdoor furniture and neatly potted flowers or hanging baskets.
- Remove all dead plants. Replace with new plants or mulch.
- Trim any trees or bushes along the walkway to the front door.
- If there is snow, shovel entire driveway and any walkways.
- Remove all cars from the front of the house.

### **Living Room/ Family Room/ Den/ Office:**

- Pick up any items on the floor.
- Remove excess furniture and kids toys.

- Hide magazines, remote controls, family photos, and any identifying documents (mail, bills, diplomas, etc.).
- Turn off any computers.

Kitchen/ Dining Room:

- Put away dishes.
- Clear countertops of all items, except coffeepot.
- Wipe down the countertops and table.
- Clear the sink area completely - no sponges, towels, soap, or dish strainers.
- Remove everything from the front, sides, and top of fridge.
- Remove non-decorative items from tops of cabinets.
- Wipe down all appliances.
- Remove trash cans from sight.

Bedrooms:

- Make all beds.
- Put away all clothes, including anything hanging on the back of the door.
- Clear off tops of dressers and nightstands.
- Put away jewelry and any personal items.

Bathrooms:

- Remove all items from counters, tub, shower, back of door, and toilet tank.
- Hide trash cans, plungers, toilet brushes, scales, etc.
- Clean mirrors and glass shower doors.
- Hang fresh towels, folded neatly in thirds.
- Close toilet lid!!!

Misc:

- Hide all pet items in house and yard.
- Remove all holiday decorations.
- Hide valuables - electronics, musical instruments, guns, jewelry, keys, etc.
- Remove all identifying items - personal mail, medications, diplomas, family photos, kids' names.
- Eliminate as many rugs as possible to show off flooring.
- Turn off ceiling fans.
- Consider hiring a professional stager to make your home look its best.

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