



Prepare your home for photography

EXTERIOR

- Hide FOR-SALE sign and other yard signs
- Hide vehicles in garage or away from the front of house
- Hide garbage cans, hoses, tools, all stray items.
- Cut and water lawn days ahead. Remove weeds from cracks in walks and driveways.
- Straighten deck furniture. Uncover grills. Open umbrellas.

GENERAL

- Open curtains. Set shutters and blinds to matching level for better window views
- Turn on all inside lights, lamps, task lights and desk lights
- Do not mix colors of light bulbs. Be consistent. Use a warm bulb color, not blue.
- Replace burned out bulbs
- Turn off TV and clean the screen
- Hide evidence of pets (subjective, ask agent)
- Hide power cords if possible, but keep lamps on
- Hide loose items, like shoes and clothes or arrange neatly
- Open doors between rooms to reveal the flow of the space
- Close closet doors, make the beds, and hide personal items
- Push items under beds out of sight of a waist-high view, if possible
- Remove ugly law label furniture tags ("do not remove" is for the merchant, not you)
- Level the lamp shades and wall art displays
- Square up tables and chairs, stools
- Clean mirrors and glass surfaces
- Have everything clean, neat, and tidy inside and outside

KITCHEN

- Clear sinks of scrub pads, cloths, towels, dishes, drain racks; clean and dry
- Clear counter tops of most items; a few neatly placed items are okay
- Clear refrigerator surface of everything (magnets, lists, pictures, calendars)
- Hide trash cans

BATHROOMS

- Put toilet lids down. Hide cleaning brushes, plungers and trash cans.
- Clear counter tops of personal items; leave only decorative items
- Clean the sinks and plumbing fixtures (no streaks, no toothpaste splatter)
- Close shower curtains, unless to reveal nice tile and fixture details
- Place full rolls of toilet paper or none at all



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