



Preparing your home for the Photographer

Here are some tips to get your home ready **before** the photographer arrives.

Outside

- ❖ *Have all vehicles, motorcycles and rolling basketball hoops out of the driveway before the photographer arrives.*
- ❖ *Have the lawn mowed, leaves removed from the lawn and the sprinklers turned off. Any power washing should be completed well before the photographer arrives.*
- ❖ *Avoid using the hose on concrete or patios within 2 hours of your appointment. The wet ground will show.*
- ❖ *Put all hoses, lawn equipment and yard toys away or at the very least have them organized.*
- ❖ *Put the cushions out on the lawn furniture, straighten chairs around the table, open all umbrellas and remove the BBQ cover. (Seasonal)*
- ❖ *Pool owners, please skim the pool and remove all hoses and skimmer poles from view.*
- ❖ *Remove any items that may be leaning on the home, on the deck or the patio... i.e.: brooms, rakes, coolers,*
- ❖ *Close all windows so they are all uniform.*
- ❖ *Make sure all pets are inside while the photographer is shooting the yard and all pets are outside or away while the inside is being done.*

Inside

- ❖ *Turn all lights on and replace any and all light bulbs that may be out or too dim.*
- ❖ *Please restrain your pets while the photographer is in the home. Their will be tripods and light stands used around the home.*
- ❖ *Remove any clutter in the home. Cardboard boxes, storage bin and moving boxes should be removed if possible.*
- ❖ *Please straighten up any room that you would like to be photographed before the photographer arrives.*
- ❖ *Please hide litter boxes and or dog crates.*

Living room, Great room and Den

- ❖ *Straighten sofa cushions, pillows and fold blankets. Turn off the TV and put remotes out of view.*
- ❖ *Open all window blinds or shades try to make them look uniform around the room.*

Kitchen and Dining room

- ❖ *Clear off the kitchen countertops as much as possible. Remove any kitchen utensils, pots, pans, plates, paper towels, sponges, soap dispensers, mail; appliances that are removable such as toaster ovens, mixers... etc. Buyers love counter space.*
- ❖ *Remove items from the front and top of the refrigerator. Remove towels and potholders from stove and empty out the sink.*
- ❖ *In large dining rooms put the leaf in the table and put the chairs around the table. In small dining rooms, remove the leaf to make the room feel larger.*

Bedrooms

- ❖ *Make all beds and organize bedrooms as much as possible. Remove any jewelry, jewelry boxes or expensive items from view. Put all clothes, shoes and extra items out of view. Anything that is under the bed should be pushed in far enough so they can't be seen from the doorway.*
- ❖ *Open shades and remove any posters and or photos that you don't want displayed in the photos.*

Bathrooms

- ❖ *Put toilet seats down; remove wastebaskets, toilet brushes, plungers and magazines.*
- ❖ *Remove soap dishes, soap dispensers, shampoo bottles, lotion bottles, tissue boxes and wash linens unless they are decorative.*

Basement

- ❖ *If the basement is to be photographed, please straighten it up as much as possible based on the tips above.*

LI Home Photos **understands** that selling your home can be stressful. It is our goal to make the photo shoot as painless as possible. Please note that the photographer **will not move** any items in the home due to insurance reasons. He will make recommendations if necessary. Please feel free to tell him no. The appointment will take 60 minutes for an average size home. **The more prepared the home is, the quicker the appointment will be and the less stressful it will feel.** The photographer will bring in light stands as needed. Please keep children and pets away from the equipment. Thank you for choosing LI Home Photos.

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