

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR PHOTOS

Preparing your home for real estate photos

Exterior Tips

- Move cars from driveway and front of home
- Close garage doors
- Sweep driveway, porches and walkways
- Mow the lawn
- Trim shrubs, pull weeds, and clean up fallen sticks & leaves.
- Remove trash cans, recycling bins, garden hoses, and sprinklers from view
- Clear yard by removing toys, sports balls, soccer goals, trampolines, etc.
- Clean patio furniture, put umbrellas up if in season, and remove grill covers
- If you have a pool, make sure all equipment and toys are out of sight, and turn on fountains/water features
- Enhance curb appeal with a front door wreath, pots of greenery, or fresh flowers

General Interior Tips

- Thoroughly clean your whole house (vacuum carpets, mop hard floors, wipe down countertops, clean mirrors and windows)
- Turn on ALL the lights (overhead lights, lamps, stovetop light, cabinet lighting, etc.). The more light the better!
- Replace any light bulbs that are burned out
- Turn ceiling fans off so they don't blur in photos
- Turn off all TVs and computer screens
- Open blinds/window treatments and make sure blinds are level with each other
- Remove dog crates, animal beds, food/water dishes, and toys from around the house
- De-clutter, De-clutter, De-clutter...less is more!

Kitchen Tips

- Clear countertops off completely, leaving only a few small appliances or decorations if you wish
- Remove dishes from the sink and wipe clean
- Remove magnets, papers, photos, etc. from the refrigerator
- Remove any visible child locks from cabinet doors
- Hide garbage can

Dining Room Tips

- Clear table and wipe down the table top
- Use decorative place setting if available
- Choose one center piece such as a bouquet of flowers
- Straighten all chairs and space them evenly
- Remove booster seats and high chairs

Living/Family Room Tips

- Remove stacks of papers, tissue boxes, magazines, remotes, etc.
- Fluff pillows
- De-clutter the fireplace mantel (again, less is more!)
- Turn on fireplace in season if possible
- Remove kid's toys

Bedroom Tips

- Make all beds
- Press bed linens and bed skirts
- Clear all personal items off of night stands
- Hide charging cables
- Remove clutter from top of dressers
- Remove items stored under the beds that may be visible

Bathroom Tips

- Put toilet seats down
- Make sure toilet paper roll isn't unraveling
- Clear countertops completely (No toothbrushes, soaps, deodorant, etc.)
- Remove shampoo, soap, loofahs, etc. from showers and tubs that will be visible
- Make sure towels are clean and freshly folded
- Empty trash can or remove completely