

How do I prepare for a shoot?

How to Prep for a Photo Shoot: Get your Home Picture Ready and Keep it Show Ready!

(Laundry Rooms, Garages, Closets/Pantries will not be photographed unless requested)

Photographers have a precise schedule to follow and have been given a specific amount of time to shoot according to the package ordered. To ensure the creative process is not disturbed and for best photographic results, have this list completed PRIOR to the photographer's arrival, and plan in advance a bedroom or office for you (and children/ pets) to hang out during the shoot.

The photographer's schedule does not allow for time to move items from room to room during the shoot, wait for this list to be completed, nor can the photographer help move furniture for liability reasons. If you are not home for the shoot, we will turn the lights on and off upon completion!

DAY SHOOTS:

(For best results)

Whole House:

- Turn ON all of the lights and lamps and check for burnt out bulbs
- Blinds and shutters adjusted open to let light in. You can lift your blinds all the way up as well
- Turn OFF all ceiling fan blades as they will show blurred in the picture
- Hide stacks of papers/bills/magazines. Kids toys in storage containers.
- Clean all windows of streaks and dirt
- Remove pet carriers, crates, pet dishes and visible litter boxes

Bathrooms:

- Remove ALL items from bathroom countertops – exceptions can be decorative items
- Towels hung straight and remove towels/bathrobes on hooks
- Make sure the Toilet Seats are DOWN
- Empty the shower of shampoos, soaps, etc.

Kitchens:

- Remove ALL items from kitchen countertops / islands – exceptions are decorative items
- Remove EVERYTHING from the outside of the refrigerator

- Dishtowels/Sponges put away
- Hide trashcan and remove rugs

Bedrooms:

- Remove ALL items from table/countertops – exceptions are lamps/decorative items
- Make beds and straighten pillows
- Hide trashcans and diaper genies!

Living and Dining Areas:

- Remove all personal items/remotes from tabletops and open shelving – exceptions are decorative items
- Straighten pillows, chairs, blankets/throws

Outside: (Optional)

- Remove your car(s) from the driveway
- Mow the lawn and mulch if necessary
- Remove ALL lawn equipment, debris, recycle and trashcans from sight - roll up your hoses and hide sprinkler attachments
- Open patio umbrellas

TWILIGHT EXTERIORS:

How to Prep for a Twilight Shoot

Twilight shoots are special and there is a limited window of time for the photographer to complete the shoot. From the moment the sun sets, there is about a 20-30 minute window to complete the twilight exterior photography, so everything must be ready to go!

- Check that all windows that can be seen from the outside have the lights on and the curtains/blinds are open- this includes garages!
- Turn on all exteriors lights - with the exception of flood lights
- Turn on all landscape lighting
- Turn on all pool lights and water features
- All cars are to be removed from the driveway

Do a trial run the night before your photo shoot! Follow the above list and walk the exterior of your house to make sure it looks perfect!

Feel free to call us with any questions!

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