

Preparing Your Home for Listing Pictures

LIGHTING:

- Turn on all interior and exterior lights, including: floor lamps, table lamps, under-cabinet lighting, stove top lighting, bedside lamps, ceiling fan lights
- Ensure that all light bulbs work, replace all burnt out bulbs

KITCHEN:

- Remove all non-decorative items from counters (dish soap, paper towels, phones, cleaning supplies)
- Remove magnets, photos, artwork from the refrigerator

BATHROOMS:

- Lower all toilet seats, close lids
- Clear countertops
- Remove toiletries from counters and shower
- Open shower door to expose fixtures

FRONT & BACKYARDS:

- Remove flags
- Organize patio/deck
Put away hoses & garbage bins
- Pick up pet waste
- Mow lawn and ensure landscaping is in good shape

PETS:

- Keep pets out of the way during photo shoot and showings
- Put away pet supplies, including food/water bowls, crates, toys, litter boxes

WINDOW TREATMENTS:

- Open blinds/fabric coverings all the way in EVERY room, twist blinds open, do not pull up

VEHICLES:

- Clear driveway and street in front of the home of all vehicles
- Close garage doors

NEIGHBORS:

- Let your neighbors on both sides know about your scheduled shoot so they can ensure their yards are clean, their cars are out of driveway/off the street and their garage doors are closed

STAGING:

- Place vase with fresh flowers or decorative bowl of fresh fruit (like lemons, limes or oranges) on kitchen counter to add a splash of color

OTHER:

- Turn ceiling fans off
- Put all personal items away
- Remove any religious symbols from view
- Make house squeaky clean (sweep, mop, polish, shine)