

How to prepare for a photo shoot

Photography sessions typically take 1-2 hours to shoot. Preparing the home for a photo session is key to getting outstanding results. Below is a list of items to be completed prior to the photographer's arrival. Plan in advance a bedroom for family members to stay (pets, too) during the session. The photographer's schedule does not allow time to move items from room to room during the photo session. For liability reasons, the photographer cannot assist in moving furniture.

Outside

- Mow lawn and mulch if necessary.
- Remove all hoses, lawn equipment, trash cans/recycle bins.
- Open patio umbrellas.
- Remove all cars from the driveway.
- Clean pool prior to photo session.
- Do not water lawn prior to the photo shoot.

General Interior

- Turn on all lights. Replace burnt out bulbs.
- Blinds down, adjusted to let light in.
- All ceiling fans turned off.
- Clean all windows.
- Hide newspapers/magazines.

Kitchens

- Clear counter tops of all items.
- Remove any items on the refrigerator.
- Remove dish towels and sponges.
- Remove pet dishes and garbage can.
- Remove kitchen rugs

Bathrooms

- Clear counter tops of all items.
- Fresh towels should be hung straight.
- Remove bathroom rugs.
- Put Toilet seat down.

Living Room/Dining Room/Family Room/Den

- Straighten Pillows and Chairs.
- Remove all personal items from table tops and desks.
- Open shelving should be uncluttered.
- Centerpieces and decor items are permitted.
- Hide remotes to TV and fans.

Bedrooms

- Remove all items from tables and counter tops except lamps and decor items.
- Remove alarm clocks.
- Straighten pillows, bedding and chairs.

Pets

- Crate or remove pets during the photo shoot.
- Hide pet crates, dishes and litter boxes.