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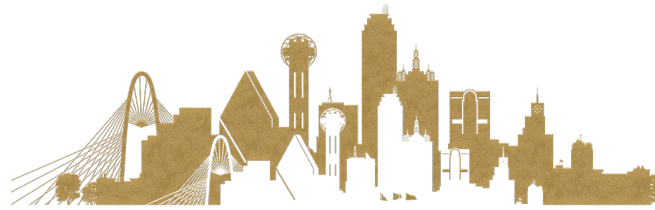
Tips to Prepare Your Home for Your Real Estate Photo Shoot

Interior Real Estate Photo Tips:

- All interior lights on; replace non-working bulbs.
- Clear off counter tops in kitchens and bathrooms, removing tissue boxes, soap containers and paper towels.
- A bowl of apples, oranges and lemons gives a nice touch of color to the kitchen table.
- Turn on fireplace in season if possible.
- Remove notes pictures and magnets from refrigerators.
- Turn off ceiling fans and televisions.
- Put away any evidence of “work” including buckets, trash cans, sponges, soap bottles and cleaning cloths.
- Remove newspapers and stacks of magazines.
- Windows and mirrors clean and streak free.
- Carpets vacuumed and hard wood floors polished.
- Beds freshly made; freshly folded towels in bathrooms.
- De-clutter and de-personalize so your buyer can imagine themselves in their new home!

Exterior Real Estate Photo Tips:

- All cars need to be in the garage with doors closed. No parked cars in front of the house.
- Remove trash cans, garden tools, hoses and sprinklers.
- Sweep driveways, patios and sidewalks.
- Put Deck/Patio umbrellas up in season and remove barbeque covers.
- Pool Equipment out of the pool and out of sight.
- All windows closed and blinds set to the same height, usually half-mast is best.
- Mow the lawn, clean up yard debris, store mower out of sight.
- Bushes and trees trimmed to show a clear view of the house.
- Enhance curb appeal with a front door wreath, pots of greenery or flowers.



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Kitchen

- Clean off countertops completely. No knife blocks, baking supplies, mail, etc
- At a maximum, you may leave out small appliances (coffee maker, etc)
- Hide trash can in closet

Dining Room

- Clear, dust and polish table tops
- If available, you may use decorative table settings
- Up to one centerpiece may be used
- Remove kid's chairs and booster seats
- Straighten all chairs

Family Room

- Remove all magazines, papers, and mail, etc
- Remove kid's toys
- De-clutter fireplace mantel
- Clean interior of fireplace
- Arrange pillows

Bedroom

- Make bed
- Clear nightstand of personal items
- Remove cell phone charging cords
- Remove clutter from dresser
- Remove family photos
- Remove items from under bed that will show

Bathrooms

- Clear countertops completely
- Remove soap, toothbrushes, medication, make-up, deodorant, etc
- Close toilet lid
- Clean shower and remove shampoo, soap, razor, etc
- Set out clean towels
- Remove floor mats to show floor

Pets

- Remove food and water bowls
- Remove pet beds
- Remove toys
- Remove all waste and pet hair
- Contain pets in a hidden kennel or outdoors