

Getting ready for your shoot

A little preparation makes a big difference to your photos, floor plan and 3D tour. Here's a simple list to work through before we arrive.

The most helpful thing you can do: move everything you don't need out of the rooms we'll be capturing, into the garage or any other space that won't be photographed. Clear, open rooms always photograph best.

THROUGHOUT THE HOME

- ☐ Clear away excess furniture and everyday clutter
- ☐ Clean floors, windows and mirrors
- ☐ Test every light and replace burnt-out bulbs
- ☐ Touch up paint and fill any holes or scratches
- ☐ Open the blinds and curtains

KITCHEN

- ☐ Clear counters of extra appliances
- ☐ Empty the sink and put the dishes away
- ☐ Take out the garbage and tuck the bins out of sight
- ☐ Take items off the fridge door

BATHROOMS

- ☐ Clear counters of personal items
- ☐ Clean mirrors, glass, toilets, tubs and showers
- ☐ Hide the garbage bins
- ☐ Hang towels neatly

BEDROOMS

- ☐ Make the beds and tidy each room
- ☐ Put clothing, toys and valuables away
- ☐ Take down family photos

PETS

- ☐ Put away bowls, beds, toys and litter boxes
- ☐ Arrange for pets to be away from the home during the appointment

OUTSIDE

- ☐ Mow the lawn and tidy the gardens
- ☐ Put away yard clutter, toys and hoses
- ☐ Straighten patio furniture
- ☐ Move vehicles out of the driveway if you can

In winter: please keep the driveway, walkways and steps clear of snow and ice.

ON THE DAY

Have the home ready when we arrive so we can spend our time capturing it. We're glad to make small finishing touches, like adjusting lights, closing toilet seats or straightening towels. Larger staging and moving furniture are best finished beforehand, by the homeowner or a stager.

For the floor plan we need to reach every wall, window and door, so please leave interior doors open and clear access to each room. If someone will let us in, or there's a lockbox, please let us know ahead of time.