

These are all just suggestions. Something for you to think about. I am there to photograph your home. For liability reasons I won't clean or declutter your home or move furniture.

Anything you don't want to be photographed should be removed or hidden. Family portraits are a good example.

As a general rule, I do not photograph inside closets, laundry rooms, pantry, or garages unless specifically asked to do so. I also do not photograph inside cabinets or under beds. These are all great places to hide things.

The less clutter you have showing the better. Remember these photographs are going to be published on the internet. If you don't want it photographed then hide or remove it.

The driveway needs to be free of all cars, garbage cans, lawn equipment and bicycles. It needs to be empty and free of debris. No garbage cans, lawn clippings or other debris should be sitting on the curb. All of that should be removed before your scheduled photo appointment.

All lights should be turned on and all burned out bulbs should be replaced. Your home will be photographed with lights on and off if there is a serious color issue with the lighting.

Checklist

Outside

- ☐ Water hoses put away
- ☐ Driveway clear of cars and trash cans
- ☐ Lawn freshly mowed, raked and watered
- ☐ Windows clean
- ☐ Lights all working and turned on
- ☐ Lawn equipment put away
- ☐ Pool toys put away
- ☐ Pet toys put away
- ☐ Pet poo cleaned up

Inside

- ☐ Beds made
- ☐ Clothes put away
- ☐ Toys put away
- ☐ Lights all working and on
- ☐ Fans off
- ☐ Nightstands cleared. One or two items are OK
- ☐ Counters cleared of clutter
- ☐ Nothing in showers or tubs
- ☐ Mirrors cleaned
- ☐ Toilet seats down
- ☐ Televisions off when photographing that room

- ☐ Magazines and Newspapers put away
- ☐ Remotes put away
- ☐ Pet beds, toys and food dishes all put away
- ☐ Large family photographs removed
- ☐ All cleaning supplies put away
- ☐ Dish rags, towels, sponges put away
- ☐ Kitchen countertop appliances put away
- ☐ All food put away (a bowl of fruit is fine)
- ☐ Lights in range hood working and on
- ☐ Remove clutter from every room
- ☐ Home is clean
- ☐ All window blinds/curtains open (we want light)
- ☐ Air conditioner turned on and set to a comfortable temp.
- ☐ Cancel or delay any construction work
- ☐ Remove everything from top of refrigerator
- ☐ Remove magnets, calendars, kids art from refrigerator
- ☐ Put away all dishes
- ☐ No visible dirty dishes, including coffee cups
- ☐ Stove clear of pots, pans and clean
- ☐ Remove spider webs from corners of rooms
- ☐ If possible, send all pets to friends or family
- ☐ Provide photographer with gate code
- ☐ If the homeowner will be home, provide phone number