

Pre-Shoot Check List

General Interior

- Turn on all light and lamps (3-ways to the lowest setting). Replace burnt-out bulbs.
- Turn off ceiling fans and move portable fans out of sight.
- Turn off all electronics (TVs, computers, tablets, etc.). Move all charging cords and cables out of sight (electronics too, if possible).
- Move the following out of sight: trash baskets, tissue boxes, shoe racks, and all signs of pet life (including dishes and toys).
- De-clutter the living spaces as much as possible. When photographing a house, less is more.
- Make all beds and put all clothing in closets.
- Open curtains to the side and raise all 1-inch plastic blinds (2-inch blinds and shutters can simply be twisted open to a horizontal position).

Kitchen

- Make counter tops look balanced but not cluttered. Display items such as knife blocks, fruit bowls, Kitchen Aid mixes, and *decorative* coffee pots or teakettles.
- Remove appliances such as blenders, bread makers, detached microwaves, and convection ovens.
- Remove all napkins and paper towels rolls.
- Clear all sponges, dishrags, soap, and dishes from the sink area.
- Clear the refrigerator of all magnets and photos.
- Put away kitchen hand towels unless they match the décor.

Bathroom

- Clear the vanity counter top of toothbrushes, medications, hair and beauty products, and plastic *non-decorative* soap dispensers.
- Remove all toiletries and cleanings supplies from glass-enclosed showers and tubs.
- Close toilet lids.
- Clean mirrors and glass surfaces (no streaks!).

Exterior

- Remove cars from the front of the house and close garage doors.
- Put trash and recycling bins inside of the garage (or remove from sight).
- Put yard and garden tools away. Roll hoses neatly or remove them completely.
- Mow grass and trim shrubbery.
- Arrange patio furniture neatly and put any cushions in place.
- Clean any pools and hide any pool cleaners and nets.
- Turn on any water features.

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