

## Picture Perfect

Getting ready for real estate photography

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- Trim trees & shrubs
- Rake up leaves, pull weeds, cut grass
- Store garden hoses and yard equipment in the garage or garden shed
- Make sure outdoor furniture is clean
- Remove trash, garden tools, garbage cans, toys, empty pots with dead plants
- Move cars out of the driveway
- Sweep the porch and sidewalks

- Clean, clean, clean, no dirt, grease, grime or stains, including tile grout
- Eliminate all clutter that is visible in the room including small appliances
- Remove small items from counters
- Remove all refrigerator magnets and personal items
- Store dish racks, cutting boards, towels, hand and dish soap bottles, cleaning products, mops, brooms and garbage cans
- Fresh fruit and flowers always make a kitchen inviting



- All windows need to be sparkling clean
- Plants need to be healthy, alive and dust free
- If there is a view make sure there is no yard debris

- Place remote controls in a drawer, clear off tables
- Remove clutter, personal photos, toys, etc. from bookshelves, tables and floor
- Dust and vacuum, dust shows in pictures
- Wash any glass surfaces including table tops, cabinet doors and windows. Smudges and dirt on glass will be noticeable in the pictures
- Straighten pillows and throws, fluff up pillows to give the room an inviting look
- Remove newspapers, magazines and put up books
- Conceal exposed cables and cords if possible



- Tasteful coffee table books are a nice touch



- Dust the furniture and vacuum the floors
- Setting the table with nice dinnerware, napkins and a centerpiece can give a homey feel
- If you have a China cabinet make sure things are straight and tidy inside

- Make the beds neatly; straighten the bedspread and pillows
- Tidy up, dust and vacuum
- Pick up and put away clothes and shoes
- Remove items from bedside table - - books magazines, pictures, clock radios, etc.
- In the kids' rooms, put excess toys out of sight, take posters and drawings off the walls, and straighten up overall



- Clear off counter tops - - toiletries, tissues, hair products, just about everything should be put up
- Remove personal care products and children's bath toys from the shower and tub
- Make sure towels are folded neatly and are straight on the towel bars
- Close the lid on the toilets
- Mirrors and shower doors should be clean

Make sure your home sparkles! You only have one chance for a first impression; that holds true for your home's first view. Make sure all valuables, jewelry, guns and special collectibles are stored. Don't forget, these pictures will be displayed on the internet for thousands of people to view. Don't advertise your valuables. Make sure all blinds, curtains and shades are fully open. Make sure all lights are on (both interior & exterior), turn off ceiling fans, replace burnt-out light bulbs prior to picture day. As your home photographer, I will do my best to show all your homes features and accurately capture the beauty and essence of your home.

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