

Preparing For Your Home Photoshoot

This list is compliments of COSphotos

General Stuff

- Turn off ceiling fans. Turn Lights on.
- Replace the bulbs if necessary.
- Open curtains and hang them evenly.
- Lower the miniblinds but crack them open.
- Wash any heavy smears off windows.
- Remove seasonal items (thanksgiving, Christmas, etc).
- Try to show as much floor as possible.
- Remove excess furniture and area rugs, fans, heaters, etc.
- Keep the same color scheme throughout the room.

Curb Appeal

- Sweep the sidewalk, mow the lawn, trim shrubs and dead leaves.
- Hide cars, trailers, toys, lawn tools, bikes, trash cans.
- Shovel off snow and ice from patios and driveways.
- Move clutter away from house to the fence line.
- Fix up the patio furniture, add the cushions if you have them.
- Pick up toys and doggie stuff

Entryway

- Remove the coats, area rugs, and shoes.

Living Room

- Keep the end tables modest.
- Remove blankets off the furniture.
- Tuck cords behind the furniture or remove object.

Bedrooms

- Make sure comforter is even along the bottom of the bed.
- Remove throw blankets from end of bed.
 - Stack pillows against the headboard, rather than flat.
 - Remove clutter from night stands and dressers.
 - Organize or remove the books and papers.
 - Straighten up shelves

Dining Room & Eating Areas

- A centerpiece is nice but not a tall one.
- Consider setting the table, if scratched or water stained.
 - Make sure kid booster seats & high chairs are removed.

Kitchen

- Remove clutter from refrigerator.
- Remove dishtowels, area rugs, and trash cans.
- 3- 5 items on the kitchen counter, remove everything else.
- Remove soap, dish washing tools, pluggers, and drain mats

Bathrooms

- Wash the mirror and close toilet lids, paper on dispenser.
- Clear of top of cabinet, completely.
- Remove product from around the bath tubs.
- Remove trash cans and area rugs.

Garage

- I won't take pictures of the garage or closets unless there is something unique in there.
- I'll take one shot of an unfinished basement towards any windows. Move boxes and clutter to opposite corner.

Animals, Baby and Kid Stuff

- Hide baby and kid stuff in the kids room or garage.
- Hide animal stuff in garage, don't forget to check the yard.

In summary

Show lots of carpet , and natural sunlight. Keep complimentary color schemes, and Remove clutter from corners and tabletops,

Whew!

If you have done the things on this list, congratulations! It was not easy, but now that you are looking around, I bet you are surprised by how much bigger, brighter, and happier your place feels.