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**A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO PREPARING
YOUR HOME FOR PHOTOS AND TOURS.**

HOME PHOTO CHECKLIST



Get Your Home Ready for Shoot Day: Checklist

MAXIMIZE YOUR HOMES APPEAL

EXTERIOR

LAWN AND GARDEN

- ☐ Mow the lawn and edge along sidewalks, driveways, and flower beds.
- ☐ Trim hedges, shrubs, and trees to create a neat appearance.
- ☐ Remove weeds from flower beds and pathways.
- ☐ Sweep up leaves, twigs, and other debris from walkways and driveways.
- ☐ Water plants, flowers, and grass to keep them looking fresh and vibrant.

EXTERIOR CLEANING

- ☐ Sweep patios, decks, and porches to remove dirt and debris.
- ☐ Wash outdoor furniture and arrange it neatly.
- ☐ Store away any garden tools, toys, and trash cans out of sight.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING

- ☐ Check all exterior lights and replace burnt-out bulbs.
- ☐ Turn on all outdoor lights, including porch and landscape lighting.

WINDOWS

- ☐ Clean all windows inside and out for a streak-free shine.
- ☐ Remove any cobwebs from window frames and corners.

INTERIOR

GENERAL CLEANING

- ☐ Dust all surfaces, including shelves, tables, and light fixtures.
- ☐ Vacuum carpets and rugs; mop hardwood and tile floors.
- ☐ Wipe down baseboards and door frames.

DECLUTTERING

- ☐ Remove personal items such as family photos, personal collections, and paperwork.
- ☐ Organize bookshelves, cabinets, and closets to appear tidy and spacious.
- ☐ Remove excess furniture to highlight the space and improve flow.

LIVING AREAS

- ☐ Arrange furniture to showcase the room's layout and functionality.
- ☐ Add fresh cushions or throws to sofas and chairs for a polished look.
- ☐ Ensure all electronics and cords are neatly organized and out of sight.

KITCHEN

- ☐ Clear countertops of small appliances, utensils, and personal items.
- ☐ Clean all appliances, including the oven, stovetop, and refrigerator.
- ☐ Wipe down countertops, cabinets, and sinks.
- ☐ Ensure the sink is empty, and all dishes are put away.

BATHROOMS

- ☐ Remove personal items like toothbrushes, razors, and soap from countertops.
- ☐ Hang fresh, neutral-coloured towels and mats.
- ☐ Close toilet lids and ensure the bathroom is spotless.
- ☐ Clean mirrors, countertops, and fixtures until they shine.

BEDROOMS

- ☐ Make beds with clean, neutral bedding, ensuring sheets and blankets are smooth.
- ☐ Clear nightstands and dressers of personal items and clutter.
- ☐ Arrange decorative pillows neatly on beds.

LIGHTING

- ☐ Check all interior lights and replace any burnt-out bulbs.
- ☐ Turn on all lights to brighten the space and create a welcoming atmosphere.

FINAL TOUCHES

PETS

- ☐ Ensure pets are secured or taken off-site for the duration of the shoot.
- ☐ Remove pet toys, bowls, beds, and litter boxes from view.

ODOURS

- ☐ Air out the home by opening windows and doors to eliminate odour.
- ☐ Use light, neutral scents or air fresheners if necessary.