

# Preparing your home for photography

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*Whilst the photographer will work with you on site on the day of the shoot, below are a few steps you can take to ensure the property looks great in the photos and the session runs smoothly.*

## **MIRRORS, STAINLESS STEEL & GLASS**

Mirrors, stainless steel and glass can be unforgiving, finger marks or grime are incredibly difficult to fix in post production. Giving a good wipe down of mirrors, glass shower screens and windows is a huge help to your photographer.

## **BATHROOM**

In the bathroom, everything should be moved off the counter, including makeup, razors, soap, toothbrushes, and any other beauty products. In the shower and tub, remove the shampoo, soaps, washcloths, and baby toys.

The garbage cans, bathmats, laundry baskets, extra toilet paper, the toilet brush, and scales should also be moved out of the room. Finish it off by closing the toilet, and hang fresh towels on the towel rails.

## **KITCHEN**

As with other areas in the house, you want to get rid of any clutter that is visible in the room. The kitchen often collects a lot of things on the counters, but you want to make sure that the counters are as open as possible. Get rid of extra small appliances that are sitting around, as well as stacks of paper or dishes that may be placed at the end of the counter.

If you have child-proof equipment that is visible on the outside of the cabinets or cupboards, it is better to remove that equipment for the photos. Clear the school notices, crayon drawings, and magnets off of the fridge.

Clear away dish racks, cutting boards, tea towels, hand and dish soap bottles, cleaning products, mops, brooms and garbage cans. You can add a little decoration with a nice bowl of fresh fruit or a vase of flowers.

## **GARDENS/ PATIOS**

If the outdoor area is included in the shot, even if from the kitchen or living area its a good idea to tidy that area up also.

Sweep/rake up any excess leaves or dirt.

Wrap up garden hoses and put them away.

Pick up any items that may be laying around the yard, such as garden tools, garbage cans, toys, empty pots or pots with dead plants

Move cars out of the driveway

If you have outdoor furniture, wipe it down and make sure that the cushions look clean and nice.

## **LIVING & BEDROOMS**

Living and bedrooms look best when personal items and clutter are put away. Pay attention also to cords such as phone chargers etc. Clear away any personal items on side tables or coffee tables as much as possible, leaving items like lights, vases or decorative items.

Uncreased sheets and fluffed up pillows will always look fresher.

If you have children, moving away any toys or carriers etc, the less in the room the more professional the photo will look.

## **ON THE DAY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION**

When your photographer arrives, they will look at the areas and may require assistance with some basic styling or finding light switches etc. The photographer will then work on their own. You can expect the photographer to be on site for around 30 minutes per room. Photographing properties requires a lot of attention to detail and concentration, it is ideal if the photographer can work free from distraction.

## **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...**

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