

Cheat Sheet

Prepping your home for photos



General

- Turn on all light fixtures
- Turn off all fans
- Open blinds & curtains
- Remove personal photographs
- Clean and dust well; clear clutter
- Organize closets and storage areas
- Touch up paint
- Hide trash cans
- Hide pets and their belongings



Living/Family Room

- Remove stacks of magazines and newspapers
- Clean fireplace
- Clear coffee table, end tables, mantels, etc.
- Arrange couch cushions and pillows neatly
- Remove any kids toys



Kitchen/Dining Room

- Clear counter; try to limit to one small appliance on counter at most
- Remove dish towels and clear sink of dishes
- Remove magnets and pictures from refrigerator
- Limit dining room table(s) to one center piece and/or decorative place settings
- Remove high chairs and booster seats



Bathrooms

- Clear counters and hide toiletry items, including those in shower/tub
- Remove dirty towels
- Hang towels neatly
- Hide plungers, toilet brushes, etc.
- Ensure all toilet seats and lids are down
- Clean mirrors



Bedrooms

- Make beds and arrange pillows neatly; ensure bed skirt is neat and wrinkle free
- Clear dressers and bedside tables
- Hide electronic device chargers
- Remove wall stickers, posters, and personalized name décor
- Neatly arrange any items under the bed that can be seen

Exterior

- Hide vehicles and shut garage doors
- Tidy front porch
- Clear flower beds of weeds and debris
- Mow the grass
- Clean up lawn clippings/leaves
- Pick up any toys, hoses, equipment, etc.
- Arrange patio furniture neatly
- Clean pool and turn on any water features
- Clean up after pets



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