



## Preparing Your Home

Professional photographs are your first real open house, so you want them to depict your home in the best possible way. These images are an important part of your agent's marketing plan. In order to help make your photo day the most successful, I have created a check list for you.

- Make sure your home is clean, tidy and uncluttered. Your agent can guide you in the right direction.
- Make sure windows, ceiling fans and showers are clean too.
- Replace all burnt out bulbs, inside and out.
- Make sure you put away all personal belongings, such as family photos, children's toys, pet beds and toys, bathroom toiletries and excessive countertop items.
- Remove all magnets and photos from refrigerators.
- Remove all trash cans from view, even outside cans. Most of these items can be tucked away in the garage.
- Turn **ON** decorative lights, including all lamps and outside lights. If applicable, all pool lights should be on as well.
- Turn **OFF** all ceiling lights and ceiling fans (lights and fan blades).
- Open all blinds with slats parallel to the floor. Shades should be open to half way point. Drapes pulled to the sides.
- Close all toilet seats.
- Open umbrellas and remove gas grill covers.
- Move all vehicles from in front of home and driveway.
- Make sure all pets are secure so they do not appear in photographs or escape while photographer is there.

If you need help or clarification with any items, please let us know. We want to make your photo session a success; we want to get people in your home and get it sold fast!

*\*please note, your house should be ready and complete of all task for your photo day; there will be no additional staging or moving of objects at the time of your session. Many of the angles will show multiple rooms at a time, so moving items from one room to another is not optional. I will do a quick run through, before beginning the session, to make any fine tune adjustments that may be needed. Should your house not be completely ready please let your realtor know so that your session can be rescheduled.*

*A home 2500 sq ft or less will take about 45 minutes. A home 2500 sq ft or more could take up to 1.5 hours, depending on size.*