

PICTURE DAY PREP

Professional photos can make all the difference in attracting buyers to your home. To make the most of this opportunity, preparing your home to be photo-ready is key. Below is a helpful checklist to ensure your home is looking its absolute best, inside and out.

General Tips

- Turn on all lights, including lamps (check for burned-out bulbs)
- Open blinds and shutters to let in natural light
- Turn off fans, TVs, and computer monitors; close laptops
- Tuck away cords, cables, and chargers when possible
- Straighten lamp shades and wall art
- Make all beds neatly
- Remove trash cans and wastebaskets from view
- Clear floors of clutter
- Hide personal or valuable items

Kitchen

- Clear off all counters—put away small appliances like toasters and blenders
- Empty sinks; put away dishes, sponges, and dish towels
- Remove paper towels and napkins
- Hide trash cans
- Take down refrigerator magnets, kids' art, or papers

Bathrooms

- Clean mirrors until streak-free
- Clear vanities of personal items (toothbrushes, hair tools, meds, etc.)
- Remove toiletries and cleaning items from tubs and showers
- Close all toilet lids
- Remove rugs, floor mats, and trash cans
- Hide any potty training seats

Exterior

- Store away hoses, tools, and lawn equipment
- Move trash cans out of sight
- Remove yard signs or school pride paraphernalia
- Clear the driveway—no cars in front of the house
- Mow the lawn, sweep away leaves or clippings
- Trim bushes near the front of the home
- Make sure house numbers are clearly visible
- Remove any empty planters or pots

Pool Area (if applicable)

- Clean the pool as close to photo time as possible
- Remove pool sweepers, vacuums, and cleaning tools
- Store away pool brushes, nets, and related items
- Hide trash cans
- Arrange patio furniture and place cushions neatly
- Turn on any water features

Pets

We adore pets—but not all buyers want to be reminded of them during showings or in photos.

- Hide food and water bowls, toys, beds, and crates
- Tuck away litter boxes, scratching posts, and pet towers (indoors and out)

Seasonal Décor

While festive, holiday and seasonal decorations can unintentionally date your listing photos. Please remove seasonal décor or wait to display it until after photos have been taken