

A little prep goes a long way.

Use this list in the days before your shoot. Not every item applies to every home, and anything you can't get to, we're happy to help adjust on site.

A few days before

OUTSIDE

- ☐ **Lawn & garden:** mow, edge and bag leaves. Trim hedges, pull weeds; fresh mulch is a bonus.
- ☐ **Pool & hot tub:** remove covers, clean the walls and make sure the water is clear.
- ☐ **Winter & seasonal:** clear snow from the driveway, walkways and steps. Take down seasonal decorations.

INSIDE

- ☐ **Light bulbs:** replace any that are out, and match bulb colours within each room (warm with warm).
- ☐ **Touch-ups:** fix visible scuffs or chipped paint.
- ☐ **Dusting:** wipe ceiling fan blades, shelves and surfaces.
- ☐ **Declutter:** clear rarely used items from counters, magnets and notes from the fridge, and products from tubs and showers. Less is more.
- ☐ **Privacy (optional):** put away family photos, mail or anything personal you'd rather not show.
- ☐ **Closets & garage:** usually optional to photograph, so they're the perfect place to store anything you'd rather not show.

Shoot day

OUTSIDE

- ☐ **Driveway:** park vehicles in the garage or down the street, not in front of the house. Keep it dry: no hosing down today.
- ☐ **Out of sight:** garbage and recycling bins, hoses, tools and toys.
- ☐ **Patio & pool:** straighten furniture, put out cushions, turn on water features and hide pool equipment.

INSIDE

- ☐ **Kitchen:** clear counters (paper towels, dish racks, soap, dishes), wipe appliances, hide the garbage.
- ☐ **Bathrooms:** remove toiletries and loose towels, close toilet seats and lids, wipe mirrors and glass. One set of decorative towels is fine.
- ☐ **Bedrooms:** make the beds, fluff pillows and clear nightstands and floors.
- ☐ **Living & dining:** straighten cushions and throws, tuck in chairs, clear tables.
- ☐ **Laundry:** put away loose clothes and baskets, and tidy products.
- ☐ **Doors & windows:** interior doors open; closets, pantry and garage closed. Blinds open and level, curtains even.
- ☐ **Pets:** secure them or take them out for a walk during the shoot.

Right before we arrive FINAL 5-MINUTE CHECK

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| ☐ Every light on , including under-cabinet and range-hood lights | ☐ Fans off (moving fans look blurry) | ☐ TVs off |
| ☐ Toilet seats & lids closed | ☐ Garage doors closed | ☐ Driveway empty |

TWILIGHT SHOOT?

Turn on every interior and exterior light, including landscape and pot lights, before sunset.

WASHING THE DRIVEWAY?

Do it the day before. Please don't spray it down on shoot day: a wet driveway looks dark and patchy in photos and video.