

Make Your Home Picture Perfect

General

Thoroughly clean whole house (vacuum carpet, mop floors; clean countertops, mirrors, and windows)

Replace all burned out light bulbs (Turn ALL lights and lamps on before showings)

Use bulbs of the same temperature if possible (all incandescent, fluorescent, or LED)

Turn OFF ceiling fans, TVs, and computer screens

Open blinds/window treatments

Remove personal photographs (or replace with general landscape/object photographs)

Remove floor rugs that hide large portions of the flooring

Place all shoes/jackets in closets

Kitchen

Clear countertops and remove older, unnecessary, or dirty appliances; unplug and hide cords when possible

Clear outside of refrigerator of magnets, papers, photos, etc.

Hide unattractive garbage cans in pantry or closet

Remove dishes from sink, place in dishwasher

Clear and clean table top

Use decorative center piece if available

Straighten and space all chairs evenly

Remove child seats/booster chairs

Living Room

Remove stacks of magazines, papers, mail, etc.

De-clutter fireplace mantel/hearth, less is best

Fluff and arrange furniture pillows

Bedrooms

Make all beds, including decorative pillows/shams if available

Iron bed linens and bed skirts

Clear nightstands of all personal items

Store away phone/tablet charging cables

Remove all clutter from top of dressers

Remove family photos from walls

Clean under bed, removing items that may show in the photos

Bathrooms

Clear countertops completely. No soap, toothbrushes, medications, deodorant, etc.

Put toilet seats down

Remove shampoo, soap, etc. from showers and tubs

Remove dirty towels; leave out new, unused towels

Pets

Place food and water bowls in pantry or closet

Use lint roller on furniture to remove pet hair

Secure pets or let them outside

Clear back yard of pet waste/toys

Exterior

Close garage doors and remove cars from driveway and front of home

Clean up landscaping (mow, trim shrubs, and clear leaves)

Use broom to remove cobwebs from eaves and door frames

Remove visible water hoses

Remove toys, sports balls, basketball goals, soccer goals, etc.

Clean porch, tidy up outdoor tables/chairs/cushions

Pillows/cushions should be in good shape or removed

Remove trash cans

Pool

Clean pool and turn on any water features

Remove/hide pool vacuum/cleaner hose, and cleaning supplies