Real Estate Location Preparation for Professional Photography

Front Exterior

Close garage doors and clear driveways
Remove cars from driveway and front of home
Clean up landscaping (mow, trim shrubs, clear leaves)
Verify outdoor lighting works (Change dead bulbs)
Use broom to remove cobwebs from eaves and door frames
Remove visible water hoses and empty planters
Remove toys, sports balls, basketball goals, soccer goals, etc.

Kitchen

Clear countertops completely
Leave out max of one small appliance (ex. coffee maker)
Clear outside of refrigerator of magnets, papers, photos, etc.
Hide garbage cans in pantry or closet
Remove dishes from sink, place in dishwasher

Living/Family Room

Remove stacks of magazines, papers, mail, etc. De-clutter fireplace mantel (Less than 5 items) Clean interior of fireplace and place fresh wood Fluff and arrange furniture pillows Remove kid's toys and recharging cables

Bathrooms

Hide soap, toothbrushes, medications, etc from countertops
Put toilet seats down and remove toilet paper rolls
Close closet doors and Remove floor mats
Remove shampoo, soap, loofahs, etc. from showers and tubs
Remove dirty towels - leave out only new, unused towels

Barns and Sheds

Open large barn doors to let in light Clear trash, feed bags, and tidy up tool benches Turn on all lights and replace bad bulbs Clear center isle for through view shots Clean stalls and arrange tack room

Pastures and Acreage

Burn and clear brush piles Leave round/square bales to be photographed Clear paths and trails Remove environmental risky dumps Have gates in good shape with easy access

Rear Exterior

Clean porch, tidy up outdoor tables/chairs/cushions Store lawn mowers and yard maintenance tools Clear out kid's toys, balls, frisbees, etc. Clean pool and Remove pool vacuum/cleaner hose Hide pool cleaning supplie, water hoses and trash cans Turn on pool lights/fountains/water features Pillows/cushions should be fresh, not faded

Dining

Clear table, dust and polish the table top
Use decorative place setting if available
Feature one center piece such as a bouquet of flowers
Straighten all chairs and space them evenly
Remove child seats/booster chairs

Bedrooms

Make bed, including decorative pillows & shams Straighten bed linens and bed skirts Clear nightstands of under bed of all personal items Store away phone/tablet charging cables Remove all clutter from top of dressers

Pets

Move pets to remote secure area during photography Place food and water bowls in pantry or closet Place pet beds/toys in pantry or closet Use lint roller on furniture to remove pet hair Clear back yard of pet waste/toys

Gamerooms and Mancaves

Turn all ALL lights and even neon beer signs on walls Arrange pool table and other games to ready Remove any strongly offensive materials from walls Visibly stock bars and beer coolers Display pull down screens and large wall Monitors

Lakes, Ponds and Creeks

Provide ease of access (Clear a Path)
Verify no dead fish or other wildlife
Clear any floating debris and fix up docks
Have fountains working and easily turned on by Realtor
Have exact locations of waterfalls and other hotspots

Immediately Before Photographer's Arrival

Request sellers 'go on errands' so to not accidentally be in camera frame during photography.

Turn ON ALL interior lights, exterior lights and lamps - even lights in furniture cabinets.

Turn OFF all ceiling fans, TVs, Computers and Monitors

Slightly open all blinds, shades, and curtains at 45deg angle

For Pools: Remove the cover, sweep, floating dispenser and pool toys. Turn on pool light(s), waterfalls and spa bubble Clear all cars and vehicles from the driveway and the street in front of the home and other structures of interest. Please secure all pets in a safe remote location, away from all rooms being photographed.



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