
STAGING GUIDE

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR
REAL ESTATE PHOTOS



- Turn on all overhead lights and lamps
- Replace any burnt out lightbulbs
- Remove personal photographs (or replace with general landscape/object photographs)
- Consider removing holiday decorations, or keeping them to a minimum (just in case the listing is on the market longer than you expect)
- Remove all small floor rugs, to reveal flooring

- Clear off and clean countertops completely! (No knife blocks, paper towels, soap, small appliances)
- Hide garbage cans in closet or pantry
- Clear appliances of magnets and/or personal photos
- Clear night stands of personal items
- Clear bathroom countertops. (No toothbrushes, soap, medications, deodorant, etc.)
- Remove floor mats from bathroom
- Close all toilet lids
- Make all beds





- Place all pet supplies (beds, food bowls, toys, etc.) in a closet or pantry
- Turn off all ceiling fans, TVs, and computer monitors
- Tuck all miscellaneous/clutter items under the bed securely as not to be seen
- Close garage doors
- Hide/move all vehicles from driveway and out of sight
- Clean up the yard and landscaping
- Open up any patio umbrellas
- Arrange patio furniture, pillows, and covers

In general, the house should be looking clean and its very best to showcase all the beauty in your listing photos!



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