

The photographs of your home are the most important part of making a great first impression. Completing this checklist before the photographer arrives makes the process go fast and smooth. Please use this checklist to help you prepare your home for that crucial first impression.

*** = MOST IMPORTANT**

- ___ Turn on all lamps and overhead lighting in the home.
- ___ Replace all missing or burnt out light bulbs. (Using the same 'color' bulbs in each fixture is important)
- ___ Raise all blinds to the mid way point of the windows.
- ___ Hide all remote controls.
- ___ Move cords out of site. (lamp, extension, computer, etc.)
- ___ Remove all personal photos.
- * ___ Stop all ceiling fans. *
- * ___ Clear home office of all clutter. Box up loose papers. *
- ___ Remove all items out of the shower and bath.
- * ___ Remove all items from the bathroom counter tops. *
- ___ Close the lids to all toilets.
- ___ Remove all floor mats and area rugs in the bathrooms and kitchen.
- * ___ Clear all items off bedside tables. *
- ___ Avoid hiding items under the beds. They will be seen in the photograph.
- ___ For you family's safety, remove children's names from their bedroom.
The images of their room will be posted on the MLS.
(People shouldn't know your address and your children's names.)
- * ___ Be sure any pets are contained in an area of the house that will not be *
photographed. (garage or utility room)
- ___ Remove any signs that you have pets. (crates, food and water bowls, litter box, etc.)
- * ___ Remove all dishes from the sink. *
- * ___ Remove all appliances and clutter from kitchen counters. *
- * ___ Remove all magnets and items off the surface of the refrigerator. *
- * ___ Move any cars that are in the driveway down the street or in the garage. *
- * ___ Move outside trash cans and hoses to the garage or another place out of sight *
___ Move BBQ grill into the garage. (if possible)
- * ___ Cut the grass and spruce up landscaping. *