

A little staging goes a long way. To make the most of your professional photos, it is important to use these tips to prepare for your photo shoot:



## Exterior

- Move vehicles from driveway and front of house
- Put away garden hoses, tools, and toys
- Remove trashcan and recycle bins**
- Put away any seasonal decor
- Trim bushes & cut grass
- Plant some fresh flowers or put out an American Flag



## Kitchen

- Remove small appliances, food and cutting boards from counters
- Remove all magnets and pictures from the refrigerator
- Keep the center island clear
- Empty the sink (including drying rack) and put the soap under the sink
- Put away trash cans
- Add a bowl of fresh fruit or vase of flowers for some color



## All Living Spaces

- Put away personal items such as family photographs
- Open the blinds, make sure **all light bulbs are in working order**
- Remove evidence of pets such as food bowls, dog beds and toys
- Conceal cords if possible
- Remove door mats and other small throw rugs
- Straighten tables and chairs, arrange cushions and pillows



## Bedroom

- Clear away clothes, shoes and laundry baskets
- Remove any portable fans, heaters and small TVs
- Remove any items that can be seen under the bed
- Clear nightstands of personal items
- Make the bed with your best linens and arrange pillows neatly



## Bathroom

- Clear counters of all personal items
- Take shampoo and other items out of the shower or tub
- Give the mirror and glass shower door a good wipe
- Put away trash cans, laundry baskets and scales
- Put out fresh towels, folded neatly on towel racks

**Pictures of the garage are generally not taken - it's a great place to hide excess items**