



Asheville Real Estate Photography

## **Preparing your home for professional photography**

### **Outside**

- Keep driveway free of cars
- Turn on outside lights
- Sweep / blow leaves away
- Clear yard of debris and cutter
- Be sure grass has been recently trimmed
- Porches/patios: arrange patio furniture, including cushions; remove covers from barbecue grills and fire pits; examine potted plants to be sure they are in good shape
- Remove holiday decorations (e.g. Halloween, Easter, Christmas)

### **Inside**

- All lights turned on, including lamps
- All ceiling fans should be turned off
- Blinds should be open, unless you don't want to showcase the view
- If possible use the same color temperature light bulbs throughout the house
- Straighten crooked photos and lamp shades
- Hide pet items (e.g. food, toys, litter boxes)
- Remove personal items / family photos if you do not feel comfortable having them photographed

## **Kitchen**

- De-clutter counter space as much as possible, including paper towels, utensil containers, toasters, coffee makers, etc.
- Be sure sink is free of dishes
- Hide drying racks
- Do not hide items in microwave or oven if you can see through the glass doors
- Turn on under cabinet lighting
- Remove dish towels from stove and cabinet doors
- Remove pet food dishes from floor
- Remove area rugs, mats, etc. if you would like to showcase the floors
- Remove magnets from fridge

## **Living Room**

- Arrange pillows on couches and chairs
- Be sure furniture isn't blocking fireplace or any other important feature - Hide magazines, TV remotes, and coasters
- TV should be turned off

## **Bedrooms**

- If hiding items under the bed, push them far enough under the bed so they are no longer visible - Hide cords/chargers (often on night stands)
- Remove personal items from night stand (e.g. glasses, novels)
- Be sure no clothes are sticking out of dresser drawers

## **Bathroom**

- Hide your toothbrush
- Close toilet lid

- Remove all items from shower (shampoo, razors, soap)
- Be sure towels are folded nicely (tri-fold preferred) with tags hidden - Hide toilet brushes and plungers
- Hide toilet sprays
- Check bathroom mirrors for tooth past splatter.