

# Real Estate Photography by

# Carolina Home Photos

## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

### Inside the Home

- o **De-clutter** as much as possible. Put away toys, clothing, dishes, towels, shoes etc.
- o **Dust** and **vacuum** (don't forget the ceiling fans)
- o Make all the **beds**, fluff pillows, and check bed skirts.
- o Clear **kitchen counter tops** and put away toasters, can openers, paper towels etc.
- o Remove all **shampoos, conditioners, body washes, sponges**, etc. from shower.
- o Put out **guest towels**, hide the rest.
- o Hide all **trash cans**.
- o Remove all **magnets and decorations** from the refrigerator.
- o Hide all **pet water/ food bowls**, beds, crates and toys.
- o All **toilet seats** and lids should be down.
- o Replace all burned out **light bulbs with same temperature (color) bulbs**.

### Outside the Home

- o Have **lawn trimmed**, leaves raked, bushes and trees pruned. Yard debris removed.
- o Put away all **garbage cans**, hoses, garden tools, toys, bikes, etc.
- o Remove any **"cute" yard decorations**.
- o If there is a **pool, hot tub, spa** uncover and clean.
- o Open **umbrellas** on any patio sets.
- o Uncover **grills** as seasonally appropriate.
- o Deck/lake areas **sweep dock**, remove spider webs, etc.
- o Bright **colored flowers** add color to landscapes
- o Aerial photos are scheduled for your property – have **gutters** cleaned and leaves removed from roof.

### 30 minutes prior to your photo appointment

- o Turn on **ALL interior lights** – including lamps, lights over range, and lights in/under cabinets.
- o Turn Ceiling fans off.
- o Slightly open all **window blinds**.
- o **Remove vehicles** from driveway and street in front of property.
- o Hide all **exterior trash cans**
- o Photos are typically not taken inside garage unless requested.
- o Allow up to **1 hour** for your photography appointment; completed photos back to your agent the **same day**.

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