

## Getting your house ready for Pictures

### Kitchen

- remove fridge magnets
- remove tea towels
- wipe down cupboards and counter tops
- clear away small appliances such as toasters and kettles
- remove clutter from counter tops such as telephone books, sugar bowls, tissues etc.
- remove any garbage bins from view
- clean appliances such as range hoods, refrigerator doors and ovens

*Note: Removing clutter helps to make the house appear more spacious and enables a potential buyer to picture a room filled with their own belongings.*

### Living Areas

- add a few touches of colorful décor or fresh flowers
- remove any personal or family photographs
- clean carpets photograph better and make a good impression on inspection
- set up dining table with your best dinner setting with candles and flowers
- remove some furniture and rugs if in a small space, it will make the house appear more spacious
- place some candles around the place to make it look more inviting
- remove items that might offend people that don't share your sense of humor or religious & political views
- **replace any missing light bulbs throughout the house**

### External

- close garage doors
- clear away casual use items such as bicycles, hoses and garden tools
- touch up shabby paint work on surfaces such as fences, gates & pergolas
- remove any garden trimmings & rubbish
- put wheelie bins out of sight
- **mow lawns, trim shrubs & weed gardens & paths, clear leaves from gutters – 1 DAY PRIOR**
- remove obvious oil stains from driveway
- remove any pet bowls, bedding, toys etc ( if applicable )
- clean the pool ( if applicable )
- rearrange pool furniture & maybe add a few cushions for the shoot ( if applicable )

### Bedrooms

- make sure beds are made and add a few extra pillows if possible
- pack away any kids toys
- clear any table tops of toiletries, photos and clothing
- remove any valuable items such as jewelry boxes and put in a safe place
- remove everything from bedside tables except bedside lamps
- **ensure lightbulbs are working in bedside lamps and ceiling fans.**

### Bathroom & Laundry

- Clean bath tub and shower stalls\
- remove toiletries from vanity and shampoo bottles etc from shower
- clean mirrors
- make sure lid is on laundry baskets and there is no visible clothing
- remove bath mats and towels
- have towels hanging tidily on towel rails
- replace old shower curtain ( if applicable )
- close all toilet seats

### A few minutes before the shoot

- open window blinds & curtains to let light in
- turn all lights **ON**
- turn all fans **OFF**
- turn off TV
- hide remotes
- light candles (if applicable )
- place all toilet lids down
- hide electrical cables from view
- close garage doors
- put pets outside if safe to do so
- clear vehicles from curbside and driveways