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PRE-SHOOT CHECKLIST

PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY FOR ITS BEST POSSIBLE IMPRESSION

The effort invested in preparing a property is directly reflected in the final images — and ultimately in buyer perception. Work through each section below before your scheduled shoot. A well prepared space is the foundation of a compelling listing.

GENERAL PREPARATION

- ☐ Deep clean all rooms — dust, vacuum, mop, and wipe all surfaces
- ☐ Clear cobwebs from all corners and ceiling edges
- ☐ Ensure all rooms and spaces are safely accessible, including garage and basement
- ☐ Replace all burned out or mismatched light bulbs throughout the property
- ☐ Turn on every light, lamp, and under-cabinet fixture before the shoot begins
- ☐ Turn all ceiling fans off
- ☐ Open all window treatments — blinds, curtains, and shades
- ☐ Clean all windows and mirrors streak-free
- ☐ Remove all scatter rugs and floor mats to expose flooring
- ☐ Remove all personal photos, memorabilia, and personalized décor
- ☐ Remove all evidence of pets — bowls, beds, toys, litter boxes, and pet hair

EXTERIOR

- ☐ Close all garage doors
- ☐ Remove all vehicles from driveway and street frontage
- ☐ Mow lawn, trim hedges, edge walkways, and rake leaves
- ☐ Cover exposed soil or bare patches with fresh mulch
- ☐ Remove garden hoses, tools, and lawn equipment
- ☐ Remove toys, bicycles, sports equipment, and yard games
- ☐ Store trash and recycling bins out of sight
- ☐ Sweep driveways, walkways, and remove any stains
- ☐ Wipe down all outdoor furniture and arrange neatly
- ☐ Clean pool — remove cover, hoses, cleaning equipment, and debris
- ☐ Remove any laundry, hanging items, or clothesline contents
- ☐ Remove real estate signs if present prior to shoot

ENTRY & FOYER

- ☐ Remove all shoes, bags, and floor mats
- ☐ Clear coat rack or hooks of jackets and accessories
- ☐ Remove umbrellas and any miscellaneous clutter
- ☐ Ensure entry table or console is clean and minimal
- ☐ Fresh flowers or a single tasteful accent piece photograph well here

LIVING & FAMILY ROOM

- ❑ Remove stacks of magazines, books, and paperwork
- ❑ Clear and style coffee table with minimal tasteful items
- ❑ Declutter and style fireplace mantle
- ❑ Neatly arrange all throw pillows and blankets
- ❑ Hide all visible electrical cords and charging cables
- ❑ Remove remote controls, gaming equipment, and electronics clutter
- ❑ Remove children's toys and play equipment
- ❑ Remove pedestal fans
- ❑ Arrange furniture to maximize perceived space and flow

DINING ROOM

- ❑ Clear and wipe dining table completely
- ❑ Straighten and evenly space all chairs
- ❑ Remove booster seats and chair accessories
- ❑ Style table with a low centerpiece — flowers or simple tableware
- ❑ Clear buffets and sideboards of clutter
- ❑ Ensure dining area lighting is fully functional

KITCHEN

- ❑ Clear all countertops completely
- ❑ Clean all appliances streak-free inside and out
- ❑ Remove everything from the refrigerator exterior
- ❑ Put all dishes, utensils, and cookware away
- ❑ Hide garbage bins, dish racks, sponges, and hand towels
- ❑ Store small appliances out of sight
- ❑ Style with one intentional accent — a fruit bowl or fresh herbs
- ❑ Remove scatter rugs to expose flooring

BEDROOMS

- ❑ Make all beds neatly — smooth comforters and arrange pillows
- ❑ Clear nightstands of personal items, chargers, and remotes
- ❑ Remove clutter from dresser tops
- ❑ Hide all charging cables and electronic accessories
- ❑ Ensure items under the bed are not visible
- ❑ Remove personal photos and posters from walls and doors
- ❑ Straighten curtains, blinds, and window treatments
- ❑ Closet doors should be closed unless closet is a feature

BATHROOMS

- ☐ Clear all countertops completely
- ☐ Remove all personal toiletries, razors, and products from shower and tub
- ☐ Clean shower screens and mirrors streak-free
- ☐ Put toilet seat and lid down
- ☐ Close all cabinet and vanity doors
- ☐ Display only fresh, neatly folded or hung towels
- ☐ Remove all trash bins, tissue boxes, and soap dishes
- ☐ Remove bath mats to expose flooring
- ☐ Remove robes and towels from door hooks

BONUS ROOMS & OFFICES

- ☐ Clear all desk and surface clutter
- ☐ Hide cables, cords, and office equipment where possible
- ☐ Remove personal items and paperwork
- ☐ Arrange any furniture to maximize space
- ☐ Ensure the room has a clear, defined purpose visually
- ☐ Clean and dust all surfaces
- ☐ Ensure safe and clear access throughout

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