Here is a simple checklist that covers little things that are often overlooked, but make a HUGE difference in the quality of the photos. Getting rid of the clutter, cleaning, and having a **simple, yet classy presentation** is the focus of having the home in pristine shape for the best quality photos! A lot of people think that "hiding" their personal belongings on the sides of beds and behind doors is okay. However, with the angles that are necessary to connect the rooms, all items must be out of sight!

**Inside the Home:**

1. **De-clutter** as much as possible. Put away toys, clothing, dishes, towels, shoes, piles of paperwork, etc.
2. Remove any **seasonal/holiday** decorations that can quickly outdate your photos.
3. Dust and vacuum.
4. Make all the **beds**, fluff all the pillows, and check the bed skirts.
5. **Laundry** and hampers need to be put away with the shelves neat and tidy.
6. Clean the **kitchen sink** and put away all the dishes, paper towel rack, dish soap, etc.
7. Clear all **kitchen counter tops** and put away big bulky appliances- have the counters as empty as possible.
8. Clear all **bathroom counter tops** and put away toothbrushes, make up, and personal hygiene items- less is best!
9. Remove all **shampoos, conditioners, body-washes**, etc. from the shower.
10. Put out the **guest towels** and hide all the others to include bathrobes and towels behind the doors.
11. Hide all **trashcans**.
12. Remove all **magnets and decorations** from the refrigerator.
13. If there are **pets**, hide all food/water bowls, pet beds, and pet toys.
14. Put all **toilet seats** and lids down.
15. Replace all burned out **light bulbs** and replace with matching colors-don't mix bright whites with cool whites-have the same color theme throughout.

**Outside the Home:**

1. Have the **lawn trimmed**, leaves raked, bushes and trees pruned.
2. Clean up after any **animal**.
3. Put away all garbage **cans**, hoses, garden tools, toys, bikes etc.
4. If there is a **pool, hot tub, or spa**, uncover if weather allows.
5. Open the **umbrellas** on any patio sets and make sure patio chairs are tucked in, also **uncover grills** if possible.
6. Remove any **seasonal/holiday** decorations.

**Minutes Before the Photographer Arrives:**

1. Turn on **ALL** interior lights – even lights in furniture cabinets.
2. Turn **OFF** all ceiling fans.
3. Open all blinds, shades, and curtains and let as much natural light in as possible.
4. Clear all cars and vehicles from the driveway and the street in front of the home.
5. Please remove animals from the house.

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