

## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR A PHOTO SHOOT

Please have the following items completed before the appointment.

### **EXTERIOR**

- Mow and rake yard.
- Move garbage cans out of sight.
- Remove all garden tools, including hoses and sprinklers.
- Sweep driveway, sidewalk, decks, and patios.
- Clean and arrange outside furniture and raise umbrella.
- Pools and hot tubs should be uncovered (if clean) and skimmed of leaves. Jets should be turned on at time of photo.
- Any water features should be cleaned and running.
- Remove all vehicles from the driveway and do not park directly in front of house.

### **LIGHTING**

- Turn on ALL lights, lamps, ceiling, exterior, and the light above the stove.
- Turn on ceiling fan lights, but please leave the fan off.
- Check and replace all burned out bulbs.

### **WINDOWS**

- Open all curtains and drapes
- Blinds should be lowered with the slats horizontal.
- Window glass should be clean and streak free.

### **BEDROOMS**

- Make beds and tidy bedrooms.
- Walk-in closets should be tidy and well organized.
- Remove Kleenex box, glasses, charging cords, and other items for a clean no-clutter look.

## **KITCHEN**

- Clear countertops. Remove paper towels and all appliances (toasters, mixers, coffeemakers, etc)
- Remove hanging towels and throw rugs.
- Remove everything from the top, front and sides of refrigerator (no magnets, pictures, etc).
- A teakettle can be left on stove, if desired.

## **BATHROOM**

- Arrange clean towels to look neat and orderly.
- Remove trashcan, plunger, and toilet brush.
- Lower toilet seat and have a new roll of toilet paper in the holder.
- Remove bar soap, hand soap, Kleenex, and tooth brushes from the counter.
- Remove everything from the shower and close shower doors. For shower curtains, close curtain and hang on the outside of the bathtub.

## **PETS**

- Remove pet bowls, bedding, and toys.
- Contain pets in the garage or out of sight.