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## Preparing your Home For a Photo Shoot

The photo-shoot will take no more than 2 hours. I will be photographing both the inside and outside of your home. I'll be photographing all of the major rooms. We normally do not photograph the garage unless it has special features.

If you have special features of your home that are not obvious please let me know about these so I include them in the shoot.

Contain pets in the garage or out of sight

Remove all vehicles from driveways and do not park directly in front of the house.

Move garbage cans out of sight.

Remove all garden tools including hoses and sprinklers.

Mow and rake yard

Sweep driveways, sidewalks and patios

Clear off counter tops in kitchen and bathroom areas

Remove photos, notes and papers from the refrigerator

Turn on all interior lights.

Turn ceiling fans and televisions off.

De-clutter rooms which may be excessively furnished. They do not photograph well.

Make all beds and tidy bedrooms. Clothes hung, or folded an put away.

Remove piles of newspaper and magazines.

Tuck trash cans out of view in a closet or cupboard.

Let me know if your home contains valuable works of art. I can edit photos to make these items unrecognizable.