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Photo Prep Checklist

CAMERA-READY GUIDE — 2026

A little prep before the shoot makes a huge difference. Here's how to get your home camera-ready for photos, drone, and 3D-tour day.

Room by Room

CHECKLIST

3D Tour

PREP INCLUDED



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GETTING READY

Whole-home basics & lighting

Whole-home basics

- Put away all personal items, mail, chargers, and everyday clutter.
 - Make the home as clean as possible — streak-free mirrors, swept and mopped floors.
 - Remove religious symbols and personal photos from view so buyers can picture themselves there.
 - Turn ceiling fans **off** so they don't blur in photos.
 - Close garage doors and make sure the driveway is clean and clear.
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Lighting

- Turn on **every** light — ceiling, floor and table lamps, under-cabinet, stovetop, and bedside.
- Replace any burnt-out bulbs (matching color temperature looks best).
- Open all curtains and blinds fully — twist blinds open rather than pulling them up.



ROOM BY ROOM

Kitchen, bathrooms & yards

Kitchen

- Clear countertops of non-decorative items.
- Remove magnets, photos, and artwork from the refrigerator.
- Add a simple decorative touch: fresh flowers, a bowl of fruit, or a clean vase.

Bathrooms

- Lower all toilet seats.
- Clear counters and remove toiletries from the shower and bath area.
- Hang fresh, clean towels; open shower curtains or doors.

Front & backyards

- Freshly cut the lawn and tidy the landscaping.
- Put hoses and equipment away, organize the patio/deck, take down flags.
- Pick up pet waste, hide garbage bins, clean/clear the pool.
- No vehicles in the driveway or on the street.



FINAL TOUCHES

Pets, holidays & the 3D scan

Pets, holidays & the little things

- Keep pets out of the way during the shoot and put away bowls, crates, and toys.
- Remove holiday and seasonal decor (pumpkins, wreaths, lights, trees).
- A quick heads-up to your next-door neighbors helps — clear cars and closed garages look best in exterior shots.

Preparing for your 3D tour & floor-plan scan

The 3D scan captures the entire property and **cannot be edited** afterward, so anything left out will be seen.

- Remove anything you don't want in the 3D tour — it can't be moved room to room once scanning starts.
- Open all doors between rooms and turn off ceiling fans, TVs, and anything else that moves.
- All people and pets should step outside so they're not captured in the scan.

The 3D tour and floor plan are captured after the still photos, so plan for a little extra time on-site.

QUESTIONS BEFORE YOUR SHOOT?

Let's make it camera-ready.

Call or text me any time before your shoot day.

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