

Preparing your home for a photoshoot

A checklist to help you make your home look its best on the internet and in print

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Kitchen

- Tidy kitchen and remove all items from the bench tops, including appliances
- Remove all dishes from the sink including drying racks
- Remove all tea towels and oven mitts
- Clear off fridge magnets and children's art works
- Add a bowl of fruit to the kitchen for colour
- Relocate rubbish bins to outside
- Remove pet bowls and litter trays

Living areas

- Remove all unnecessary furniture and clutter: create an impression of space
- Turn on lamps and ensure all globes are working
- Ensure all curtains are hooked up properly and open
- Add fresh flowers
- Turn televisions off

In the garden and street front

- Mow the lawns and sweep up clippings and leaves
- Store toys out of sight
- Remove pet droppings
- Keep cars out of sight
- Move wheelie bins out of sight
- Trim back overgrown trees or shrubs that could block a full view of the property

Entertaining areas

- Clear off outdoor settings
- Pool (if you have one) should be sparkling clean
- Remove washing from clothes line

Bedrooms

- Make beds
- Turn on lamps
- Clear items from bedside tables
- Reduce items on dressing tables and drawers

Bathroom

- Clean shower screens, basins and mirrors
- Remove all bottles and other hanging items from the shower
- Remove all items from the basin except for decorative bottles
- Put in fresh fluffy matching towels
- Remove waste and linen baskets

If possible have the interiors professionally styled. A well styled home will sell for around 7-12% more than an unstyled home.