

MANKATO HOME TOURS

Preparing Your Home For A Photo Shoot

The average photo shoot takes between 15-45 minutes. The photographer will be photographing both the inside and outside of your home, including all of the major rooms. Garages, closets, utility and storage rooms are not typically photographed unless they have noteworthy features or are specifically requested by your Realtor. If you have special features of your home that are not obvious, please let your photographer know. Also, please let the photographer know if your home contains items such as photos or artwork that you would prefer be unrecognizable in the photos.

For liability purposes, the photographer will not touch or move (or assist in moving) any furniture or personal items in your home - and someone must be present during the shoot to ensure the rooms are photo-ready.

Turn on all interior and exterior lights (lamps, under lighting, accent lighting, etc.)
Turn ceiling fans and televisions off
De-clutter rooms which may be excessively furnished
Remove or hide all garden tools including hoses and sprinklers
Mow / Rake yard. Shovel / Sweep driveways, sidewalks, patios, etc.
Clear off countertops in kitchen and bathroom areas
Remove photos, notes, papers, calendars from refrigerator, cabinets, walls, etc.
Remove all vehicles from driveway and close garage doors
Contain pets in the garage or out of sight
Move exterior garbage and recycling bins out of sight
Make all beds and tidy rooms. Clothes hung, or folded and put away
Remove piles of newspapers and magazines
Tuck interior trash bins out of view in a closet or cupboard
Make sure bathrooms mirrors and windows throughout the home are streak free
Replace any burned out or mismatched light bulbs throughout the home
Put away all children's toys, and minimize clutter if possible
Remove and seasonal decor

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