



RESTORATION PHOTOGRAPHY PREP GUIDE

HERE IS A LIST OF ITEMS THAT WILL ALLOW THE PHOTOGRAPHER TO FOCUS ON THEIR SOLE PURPOSE WHICH IS TO HIGHLIGHT THE WONDERFUL FEATURES OF YOUR HOME. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS LIST TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY PRIOR TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER AND AGENT'S ARRIVAL. THE PHOTOGRAPHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEMS LEFT UNDONE AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE PHOTOGRAPHS THEY WILL BE TAKING. BY COMPLETING THE LIST BELOW, THE PHOTOGRAPHER MAY ACCURATELY CAPTURE THE HOME AND SHOWCASE THE WORK OF THOSE THAT WORKED ON YOUR HOME.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD ARE PREFERRED IF YOU WERE TO ONLY CHOOSE SOME ITEMS FROM THE LIST BUT THIS IS THE ENTIRE LIST OF ITEMS THAT WILL BEST SHOWCASE YOUR HOME.

KITCHEN:

- DUST TOPS OF CABINETS
- WIPE DOWN CABINETS, CABINET HARDWARE, APPLIANCES, COUNTERTOPS, FAUCET(S)
- SCRUB THE SINK
- PUT AWAY KNIFE BLOCKS, UTENSIL HOLDERS, AND SMALL APPLIANCES ON THE COUNTERTOPS
- MINIMIZE DECOR THAT IS NOT UNIVERSALLY APPEALING TO MOST VISITORS
- MAKE SURE ALL DISHES ARE PUT AWAY IN THE PROPER CABINETS (INCLUDING NEATLY IN GLASS FRONT CABINETS)
- REMOVE ANY MAGNETS AND CHILDREN'S ART/PHOTOS FROM THE REFRIGERATOR (YOU CAN PUT THEM BACK WHEN WE ARE DONE)

DINING ROOM:

- SET THE TABLE AS IF YOU WERE HAVING A DINNER PARTY
- SET UP A SIMPLE CENTERPIECE
- DECLUTTER/ORGANIZE ANY CHINA HUTCHES OR OTHER VISIBLE STORAGE

LIVING ROOM/FAMILY ROOM:

- FOLD BLANKETS AND PUT AWAY ALL BUT ONE
- TIDY COFFEE TABLE DECOR
- HIDE REMOTES
- PUT AWAY MAIL, MAGAZINES OR BOOKS THAT ARE PILED UP
- TIDY CHILDREN'S TOYS/GEAR THAT IS IN THE ROOM
- ARRANGE THROW PILLOWS
- SECURE AND HIDE EXPOSED CABLES (BEST YOU CAN)

BEDROOMS:

- MAKE BEDS, FLUFF THE PILLOWS, AND MOVE/HIDE ANYTHING THAT CAN BE SEEN UNDER THE BED
- CLEAR NIGHTSTANDS/BEDSIDE TABLES OF EVERYTHING BUT LAMPS AND ALARM CLOCKS
- PUT AWAY ANY CHARGERS AND PUT ANY CLOTHING AWAY IN THE CLOSET OR DRESSER
- DUST THOROUGHLY



BATHROOMS:

- CLEAN TOILETS AND PUT THE SEATS DOWN
- PUT OUT GUEST TOWELS AND PUT ANY DIRTY ONES AWAY
- CLEAR VANITY COUNTERS OF ALL ITEMS EXCEPT SOAP (AND HAND TOWEL IF NEEDED)
- DUST ANY SHELIVING/DÉCOR
- TIDY ANY SHOWER ITEMS
- SCRUB AND CLEAN SHOWER AREA
- CLEAN MIRRORS

OFFICE:

- DECLUTTER, DECLUTTER, DECLUTTER ALL PAPER!
- PUT AWAY EVERYTHING EXCEPT COMPUTERS AND MINIMAL OFFICE SUPPLIES ON THE DESK

PLAYROOMS:

- ORGANIZE/PICK UP TOYS
- USE NATURAL NOOKS SUCH AS USING A TEPEE OR BEAN BAG AS A READING AREA, PUT SMALL ITEMS IN BINS OR BASKETS TO MINIMIZE THE FEELING OF "TOO MUCH GOING ON" IN THIS ROOM

OUTDOOR SPACES:

- TRIM THE LAWN
- RAKE LEAVES
- PRUNE TREES OR BUSHES
- PUT ALL GARBAGE CANS, HOSES, ETC IN THE GARAGE OR SHED
- SHOVEL SNOW, IF IT'S A CHICAGO WINTER
- MAKE SURE ALL EXTERIOR LIGHTING IS WORKING
- PUT ANY ADDITIONAL CARS, ETC ON THE STREET PREFERABLY NOT WHERE YOU CAN SEE A REFLECTION IN YOUR HOME'S WINDOWS

WHOLE HOUSE:

- PUT AWAY ALL SEASONAL DECOR
- HIDE ALL INTERIOR TRASH CANS
- OPEN ALL CURTAINS AND BLINDS
- TURN OFF ALL CEILING FANS
- CLOSE ALL WINDOWS
- TURN ON ALL LIGHTS (WE CAN TURN THEM OFF IF YOU WOULD LIKE AFTER THE SESSION) AND MAKE SURE ALL THE BULBS ARE WORKING
- DUST BASEBOARDS THEN SWEEP, MOP OR VACUUM ALL FLOORS
- PLACE ALL VALUABLES IN A SECURE LOCATION, OUT OF SIGHT
- PUT ANY PETS AWAY IN CRATES OR IN A ROOM NOT BEING PHOTOGRAPHED