

Pre-Shoot Checklist

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THE 4 ESSENTIALS - Complete Before Your Photographer Arrives



Lights ON, Fans OFF

Turn on every light in the home.
Turn off all ceiling fans.



Open Window Coverings

Open all curtains and pull blinds all the way up.



Clear the Driveway

Remove all vehicles, trash cans, and hoses from view.



Set the A/C

Set thermostat to 72-74F at least 30 minutes before.

Kitchen

- ☐ Clear all countertops completely
- ☐ Remove small appliances from counters
- ☐ Empty and clean the sink
- ☐ Hide soap, sponges, and cleaning supplies
- ☐ Remove items from refrigerator doors
- ☐ Turn on under-cabinet lighting
- ☐ Hide trash can from view

Living Areas

- ☐ Declutter all surfaces and tables
- ☐ Fluff pillows and arrange blankets neatly
- ☐ Straighten and align all furniture
- ☐ Hide cords and power strips
- ☐ Store remotes and electronics out of sight
- ☐ Vacuum carpets and clean hard floors

Bedrooms

- ☐ Make beds with fresh, matching linens
- ☐ Add decorative pillows for staging
- ☐ Clear nightstands completely
- ☐ Hide laundry baskets and hampers
- ☐ Remove worn or mismatched rugs
- ☐ Store shoes and personal belongings

Bathrooms

- ☐ Remove all toiletries from counters
- ☐ Put out fresh, matching towels
- ☐ Close all toilet lids
- ☐ Hide trash cans from view
- ☐ Remove bath mats and floor rugs
- ☐ Clean mirrors completely streak-free

Front Exterior

- ☐ Mow the lawn at least 24 hours before
- ☐ Trim bushes and pull visible weeds
- ☐ Sweep driveway and all walkways
- ☐ Hide hoses, tools, and equipment
- ☐ Remove toys and recreational items
- ☐ Park all cars down the street

Backyard & Pool

- ☐ Remove pool cover and skim water clean
- ☐ Arrange patio furniture attractively
- ☐ Open patio umbrellas if present
- ☐ Store pool toys and floats
- ☐ Sweep all decks and patios
- ☐ Turn on any landscape lighting

Pets: Secure all pets away from photography areas. Remove pet beds, food bowls, and toys. Clean up any yard waste thoroughly.

☀️ Arizona-Specific Tips

Schedule Smart

Morning shoots (before 10am) or late afternoon sessions work best during hot summer months.

Water Features

Fill pools and spas to proper levels. Turn on fountains and water features.

Desert Landscaping

Trim desert plants and cacti. Remove fallen palm fronds. Rake gravel areas smooth.

Stay Cool

Keep all doors closed between shots to maintain consistent A/C temperature inside.

Questions About Your Photo Shoot?

Text or call me directly - I'm happy to help!

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