

# 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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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