

RESIDENTIAL PRE-SHOOT CHECKLIST



Every property and situation is different, and it is completely understood that not all homes can be prepared in the same way. This guide is intended to offer helpful suggestions only, where time and circumstances allow, to help achieve the best possible results from your photography session.

The photographer will always work with the property as presented and make thoughtful adjustments where possible on the day.

A GENTLE NOTE

Some properties are photographed during difficult or unexpected circumstances. This guide is not intended to place pressure or judgement on owners or occupants, but rather to provide practical tips that may help where preparation is possible.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

If time and circumstances allow, the following may help the property present at its best:

- Completing cleaning prior to the appointment
- Raking up fallen leaves
- Finishing any styling before photography begins
- Removing visible clutter where possible
- Avoiding watering lawns, pavements, or footpaths immediately prior to the shoot, which can create muddy tracking and make conditions appear rainy
- Pausing construction, maintenance, or trade work where practical
- Ensuring any packaging, boxes, or moving materials are out of sight

INTERIOR TIPS

Where possible, these small details can make a noticeable difference in photos:

- Making beds and removing dirty or used linen
- Clearing benchtops of non-decorative items
- Turning on lights throughout the home and ensuring light bulbs are working
- Removing dish racks from sinks
- Turning off ceiling fans to avoid motion blur
- Tidying bedside tables
- Turning off televisions and computer monitors to prevent unwanted colour tones
- Storing remote controls (TVs, air-cons, game consoles) out of sight
- Opening all curtains and blinds
- Removing bottles and personal items from showers
- Closing windows where practical
- Removing toilet brushes, plungers, and toilet bins where possible
- Temporarily relocating pet bowls, bedding, and toys
- Removing family photos at the owner's discretion

EXTERIOR TIPS

If applicable, the following may help with exterior presentation:

- Tidying gardens and mowing lawns
- Placing wheely bins out of sight
- Removing pet waste
- Moving vehicles away from driveways and immediate frontage
- Moving hoses and garden equipment out of view
- Closing garage and shed doors
- Removing BBQ/webber covers
- Ensure exterior lighting functions and can be switched on prior to sunset (only required for twilight photography)
- Arranging outdoor furniture neatly

NEIGHBOURS AND SURROUNDINGS

Where practical, owners may wish to let neighbouring properties know that photography is scheduled. This can help reduce visual distractions and allow neighbours the opportunity to move vehicles or tidy visible outdoor areas if they choose. This can be beneficial for all photography, as surrounding properties or shared spaces may appear in images. It can be particularly helpful when drone photography is booked, as aerial images may capture a wider surrounding area and may help avoid neighbours becoming concerned about drone activity.

ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS

Please confirm access ahead of time and ensure keys, lock boxes, or door codes are available. Advising if someone will be present at the property during the shoot is also highly appreciated.

ON THE DAY

The photographer will work respectfully with the property as presented and may make small adjustments to improve composition and presentation. Where preparation is possible, these tips can help achieve stronger results and may reduce the need for additional item removal editing.

If a property is not ready due to access issues, safety concerns, or active work on site, the photographer will communicate with the agent to determine the best course of action, which may include rescheduling in line with the Terms and Conditions.