

# Pre Property Photography Checklist

## Gardens

- Sweep paths and mow lawns.
- Put away dustbins, garden rubbish and tools
- Flowers and pots always look lovely but please remember to take away old disused plastic pots or tubs, especially if they are broken (greenhouses and shed interiors are not generally shot, but they may appear in view).
- Ensure water features are turned on.
- Garden furniture sets the scene so have these out and a parasol and cushions ready.
- Uncover your hot tub, even if it is winter.

## Hallways

- Ensure mats are straight and fringes brushed.
- Place shoes, dog leads and coats/hats out of sight.

## Kitchen

- Clear window sills of general clutter - we want to see through into garden spaces.
- Place compost bins, kitchen roll holders, tea towels and washing up liquid/cloths/brushes out of sight.
- Clear work surfaces of bottles, jars and extra utensil holders.
- Tidy paperwork and cookbooks on shelving.
- Ensure all cupboard doors shut properly and any items in glass cabinets are neat.
- Flowers and fruit bowls always help to make the room look fresh and homely.
- Remove items from inside the oven if it can be seen through the door.

## Bedrooms

- Bedding should be neatly placed and smoothed.
- Throws and cushions in a matching colour always help.
- Ensure you have a suitable number of pillows (just one pillow on a double bed can look odd) and that they are even in height and properly fluffed.

## Bathrooms

- Ensure shower screens and mirrors are clean (they help reflect the light, so shouldn't be dusty or smeared).
- Remove toothbrushes and excess shampoo / lotion bottles.
- A few nice bottles should be left for effect.
- Remove cleaning bottles, bins and toilet brushes.
- Remove bathroom mats and toilet mats.
- Place fresh and fluffy plain towels.

## Living areas

- Open fires and stoves always look nice when lit beside a basket full of logs. Ask when the photographer is ready to have the fire lit - a couple of bits of paper usually does the trick.
- Remove extra books from bookcases if they do not sit neatly in the row.
- Use tie backs for curtains where possible and ensure blinds are the the same height / angle to the outside.
- Wires from lamps and televisions. Please tuck away wires as best as possible.

## General

- Windows should be cleaned in advance and shut ready for exterior photos, move handles down into the correct position. Declutter windowsills for anything visible from outside.
- Stay away from windows when the photographer is outside and keep hidden from the outside view.
- Cars, vans, trailers and caravans - arrange for these to be moved before the time of the appointment as they can block the view and can cause delay in moving during the appointment.
- Ensure all lamps, ceiling and wall lights, including spotlights in bathrooms and kitchens are in working order.
- If you have any items of particular value such as paintings, silverware or ornaments that you do not wish to be photographed, please remove them or inform the photographer.