

## **OUTSIDE**

- All vehicles garaged or away from property including trailers, caravans, boats. Unless they 'add' to the shot.
- Hide: bins, hoses, dead plants, bbq covers, garden tools, pet bowls, pool covers, any other clutter.
- Mow lawns, trim edges and hedges and rake or sweep driveways/courtyards/pool area/ tennis court etc.
- Remove washing from clothes line.
- Clean pool, glass balustrade, windows, decks, bbq, outdoor furniture and any other outdoor item.
- Ensure all lighting works, garden, deck, verandah, pool lighting, especially if a twilight shoot.
- Ensure all outdoor umbrellas work and are open.
- Ensure outdoor settings are set up prior to photoshoot.
- Pets and humans. It is best if pets and their humans aren't home. The photographer doesn't want to be asking people to move all the time.

## **INSIDE**

- Declutter. Put extra furniture/kids toys into garage, laundry or 3 or 4th bedroom.
- Clear kitchen bench tops, bathroom vanity tops, shower caddies, old bits of soap, and plastic soap dispensers, window ledges, tops of fridge, fridge magnets and cupboards.
- Consider your bed linen. Bedrooms and bathrooms look so much better with new sheets and towels. Keep it fairly neutral and introduce colour with flowers, artwork, cushions and pillows.
- Remove; remote controls, tissue boxes, old bed linen, toilet brushes and scales, half used toilet rolls, bins in kitchen and bathrooms, visible items under beds and on top of cupboards.
- Hide shoes, personal items, fans, heaters, any personal photos you don't want in shots and all cords and cables.
- Open all awnings, curtains and blinds and make sure they are in working order in case they need to be adjusted.
- Ensure all lights work and are the same colour temperature eg warm (yellow-ish) or cool (blue-ish), are turned on. This is important as 'mixed' lighting can make colour castes in photography that can be unpleasant and difficult to fix in editing. Make sure you have spare globes in laundry should a globe blow.
- Clean ALL mirrors and ALL shower screens and kitchen splash-backs. Any smudge will show.
- Make all beds so crease free and no daggy bits hanging down, especially underneath of top bunks.

## **HINTS:**

- . Use this document as a checklist and if you want the best images possible, work through it.
- . Add fresh flowers throughout and fruit & veg in kitchen.

**IMPORTANT:** Photographers and videographers are not cleaners or stylists and the time they allocate is to do their job, so maximise their time and your value by being prepared.