

➤ **Easy no-cost tips to make your home attractive to buyers**

A good first impression starts outside!

- Clean up the yard. Sweep walkways and patios.
- Clean the mailbox, house numbers, and outdoor light fixtures.

Bring in the light

- Open window coverings. In fact, remove heavy draperies altogether.
- Put maximum-watt bulbs in fixtures, even in the basement and garage.

De-clutter!

- Remove excess furniture.
- Put paperwork out of sight. Clear countertops and tabletops.
- Pare down in closets and cupboards. Buyers will look inside!
- Do the same in the basement and garage.

Clean, clean, clean

- Make kitchen, bathrooms, fixtures, appliances and windows shine.
- Wipe away fingerprints and grime from light switches and woodwork.

➤ **Some projects may be worth an investment**

Welcome guests!

- Repaint the front door if needed.
- Replace the doormats, mailbox and house numbers with new ones.
- Add one or two large pots of colorful flowers near the front door.
- Freshen garden areas near the entry with new plants or mulch.

Make repairs.

- Repair leaking faucets, bad caulking, torn screens, loose hardware, etc.
- Re-paint window and door frames if in poor condition.

Update the look.

- Replace shower curtains. Add coordinating towels, pretty hand-soap dispensers, and new toilet seats.
- Replace light fixtures and faucets with stylish new ones.
- Freshen rooms with a new coat of paint in light neutral colors.
- Replace flooring, especially where stained or showing excessive wear.
- Add ceiling fans in bedrooms.
- Perk up the landscape - add new perennials and attractive mulch.

Hire help!

- Hire a cleaning service to do a thorough housecleaning.
- Board your pets. Much easier to keep the home clean and odor-free!
- Hire a move management service to assist in packing your belongings. Some items could even be put safely out of the way before showing your home to buyers.

What makes your home stand out among the rest?
