

## **Inexpensive Ways to Help Sell Your Home**

A little time and effort now will pay off at closing. Here are a few inexpensive ways to improve the appearance of your home inside and out without spending a lot of money.

1. Trim the grass and make sure all flower beds are freshly mulched and free of weeds. Prune overgrown shrubs, especially if they're hiding windows or blocking the entryway.
2. Reinforce sagging gutters and straighten crooked fences. Make sure the gutters are clean and free of debris and that around the downspouts, the soil is not washed away. A quick power washing will brighten fences.
3. Make sure your driveway and walkways are free of clutter such as toys, water hoses, tools and bikes. Use weed killer on grass and weeds that have sprouted in pavement cracks.
4. Your front door makes a powerful statement about your home. A new coat of paint will make a world of difference. You can also tighten the doorknob, oil squeaky hinges and make sure the doorbell works. Add a colorful potted plant and new doormat and you will be amazed.
5. The entry of your home makes your first impression. Shampoo the carpet or wax the floor. Add a fresh area rug and make sure it has a nonskid back for safety. Hang a mirror to make the entry look larger and brighter.

6. Your kitchen should be warm and inviting. Keep counter tops free of clutter, clean out your fridge, degrease the oven, wipe down cabinets and keep the sink shining.
7. Lighting can either give your home a dark, dreary feeling or a bright and airy one. Replace all burned out bulbs and clean your fixtures. To update old fixtures, add new globes or decorative bulbs. Open your window coverings and let the sun shine in. Outside, use landscape lighting to accent your new clean flower beds.

Call me and let me know how these easy inexpensive hints worked for you.

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