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Real Estate Tips and Advice

Renovations that Sell

If you are looking to sell your home this year, there are a few things to consider before getting a Realtor to put your house up for sale.

Here's a list of renovations that will help get you more bang for your buck when you list your home.

SPRAY FOAM INSULATION

There are a number of home renovations you can make to the inside of your home that can help raise your value instantly. Any time you renovate with energy efficient appliances, it becomes a great selling point and something Realtors can market to potential buyers.

If you're looking to install energy efficient renovations to your home then insulation is one of the best ways to make your home more efficient. There are plenty of types of insulation you can install in your home, but there are a few most Realtors recommend. One of the most highly recommended is spray foam insulation. There are two types of spray foam: closed-cell and open-cell that allow the insulation to fill every corner and space in



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your attic, making your home better insulated.

Now we're not going to lie and say it is inexpensive and easy, but the payout will be well worth the cost. Do your research on the various types and talk to your Realtor about what would be the best fit in your home.

KITCHEN REMODELS

Remodeling your kitchen is a great way to get more value out of your home when you put it up for sale.

Renovations don't have to be full remodels of your home. Some renovations can be as simple as installing an item in your home that wasn't there before.

Install an island in your kitchen if there is room for one. An island is a great way to increase counter and storage space, adding more value to your home. If you are unsure about whether an island will work, then create

one using plywood or cardboard to see if the dimensions of the island will fit in your kitchen. Make sure you can open your fridge and stove doors. If an island doesn't fit, consider purchasing a kitchen trolly.

Updating kitchen cabinet space and counter space is a great way to create more value in your home.
Especially if your home is older, creating more space can be a great selling point for

when you put your home up for sale.

Creating more room for the fridge can be a great way to raise your home value. If you live in an older home, then consider modernizing appliances, space and features of your home to appeal to buyers.

GREEN HOME

Realtors and buyers alike are all looking to make home as energy efficient as possible. There are simple ways you can do this in your home. Here are a list of things to consider:

- Replace all the old windows in your home with energy saving windows. These windows are designed to prevent hot and cold air from escaping your home. The insulation decreases your home's energy usage resulting in you saving money and adding value later.
- If you have digital assistant in your home, you know how helpful having a robot to give you kitchen recipes can be. Take it a step further by installing a programmable thermostat and Siri or Alexa can help you control and program your thermostat to a schedule.

You can program the house to be a different temperature when no one is home, saving you money on your light bill.



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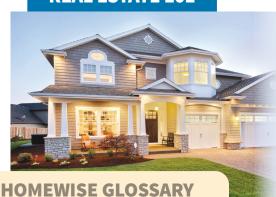
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