



6 ways to increase your home's curb appeal.

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How to capture a brilliant look so your home sells effortlessly.

Looking to sell the house? Or just trying to impress a distant relative who's coming to visit? Whatever the reason, there's no excuse for neglecting the appearance of your exterior. Of course, there are a lot of factors to consider when planning a house makeover, but with just a few handy tips and some small repairs, you can easily improve the appearance of your property without wasting too much money or energy.

A Good Approach Is Vital

Before you start sprucing up your house and planting exotic flowers in your yard, perhaps you should focus your attention on the overall avenue of approach. Contrary to popular belief, the first impression of the residence is not going to be the house itself, but the gate and driveway that lead to it. This is why it's a good idea to repair or even replace the old fence and invest some time to fix up the driveway. All these simple changes increase your the chance of your home selling fast. You can easily make a great appearance by placing cobblestone paths or lighting up your driveway with some effective lighting.

Invest in Quality Furniture

What contributes more to an idyllic ambiance than two cosy rocking chairs on a polished deck? If you have the skill, don't hesitate to add a charming touch to any space by adding some lovely handiwork. Patio furniture from raw, natural wood can greatly [enhance the appeal of your home](#) , while dressing it up with some colorful cushions can easily complete the whole setting. A fresh coat of lacquer on the deck and a canopy on top can make a comfy retreat on those scorching summer days.

Green It Up

Even if you have a limited amount of space in front of your home, the best way to embellish your property is by creating a lush oasis in your front yard. If you don't have available space to plant a few trees or some exotic plants, you can always keep your greenery in window boxes and containers. Perennials are always a good choice, while you can make a splendid surrounding by growing some **decorative bushes**, hedges or putting up green walls, which can be used as garden dividers as well.

Spruce Up the Facade

Depending on the type of facade and also the age of your house, after a certain period of time, the brickwork and paint on your house will start to deteriorate. If this is the case, use this opportunity to spruce up the old facade by rendering the brick, [re-pointing](#) it and adding a fresh coat of paint. **Specialists say that** there's also an option of adding cladding to your home's exterior, as it's known to be quite durable, easy to maintain but also very aesthetically pleasing. Most of us aspire to selling our home fast but with some careful planning, this should not be hard to achieve.

Replace Doors and Windows

Another crucial aspect to consider during your home makeover process is whether you should refresh your front door and windows. Similar to the facade, if made from wood, window frames tend to rot and decay after some time, so it might be a good idea to invest in some new ones. Also, if you're looking to make a bold move, consider repainting your front door in a bright colour. This is going to create some wonderful contrast to the rest of the house and should greatly increase the attractiveness of the place.

Fix Up the Roof

Last, but certainly not least, is focusing your attention on fixing up the gutters, downspouts and of course - the roof. You can easily avoid replacing the whole roof by doing a detailed inspection and calculating the roof repair costs, so you could replace any cracked tiles, fix up the leaks and prevent any moisture build up. If you maintain it properly, you can easily avoid major issues later on and save yourself from some [big expenses and possible disasters](#).

Curb appeal is one of the things that could determine the overall value of your home, close a sale or simply make your property distinguishable from the others. This is why it's crucial to invest a bit of your time in creating the exterior of your home more aesthetically pleasing. Doing the hard work before your home is presented for sale will help to secure a timely sale.

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