

Budget Friendly Ways To Increase The Value Of Your Home

Adding value to your home does not always have to burn a hole in your pocket. Many of the items below you can do on your own and add great value to your property. Here are a few of my favorite tips to help get you started:

Have a professional designer look at your home.

Before spending time and money on improvements you may feel are necessary, have a professional designer come out and give you recommendations. At the least this will give you the piece of mind that the work and money you decide to put into your house is well worth it.

Have your home inspected.

Pest and home inspections are usually performed when you are selling your home. By this time it may be too late and the damages are done. Have your home inspected by a professional pest and home inspector at least once every 10 years. This will save you a lot of money in the long run from issues that if caught early on, would not have been a big problem.

Update your bathroom and kitchen.

Even small bathroom and kitchen updates can make a world of difference. Updating your fixtures and mirrors, painting and installing new glass shower doors, updating cabinet handles and faucets, are easy and affordable ways to make big design improvements.

Update your fixtures.

The easiest ways to kill your homes first impression is by keeping around those dusty fixtures from the 70's and 80's. One of the easiest ways to transform the look of your home is by updating the light fixtures and ceiling fans, if you have them, around your home. Even on a small budget, you can upgrade fixtures that will dramatically improve your homes style.

Trash the popcorn.

If you have popcorn ceilings, hire a professional to scrape this dust collecting and unappealing stuff off. The amount it cost to remove the stuff, is nothing compared to the increase in value it will bring to your home when it is time to sell.

Making your home look fresh and awesome is as easy as.

Painting is one of the best inexpensive and easy ways to give your home an entirely different look and feel. Earth tones are best and be sure to choose zero VOC paint which is good for your home and the environment.



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Create open spaces.

Even a small home can appear larger by maximizing the square footage. When purchasing furniture make sure it is proportionate to the space. Remove unnecessary furniture to open up space. Strategically hang mirrors in your rooms to open up the room.

Energy audit for good energy.

Have a home energy audit performed to evaluate your home's energy efficiency. The audit will cost you very little compared with the tips you will get for improving your home's energy and the money you will save in the long run. Additionally you will reap the benefit of living comfortably in your own home.

Plant trees.

Strategically planting trees and bushes around your house will not only increase your homes curb appeal, but also create a natural way for you to give your home shade and keep it cooler during the warm summer months, thereby lowering your energy bill.

Think green/save money.

When planning your landscaping, choose drought-tolerant plants that are native to your region. They won't require as much maintenance or water, saving you money over time.

Keep up your curb appeal.

Keeping lawns and hedges trimmed, bushes neatly manicured and gutters cleaned will help your home make a good impression plus keep the neighbors off your back. This is something you can do yourself or hire a professional to do.

I hope you found these home design tips valuable. If you are interested in sprucing up the design of your home and are in need of professional assistance, call me for advice. I can provide you with a list of recommended service vendors to help you with the job.



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