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# Low-Cost, High Impact Remodeling Ideas To Help Sell Your Home

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**1. Tidy up in the Kitchen.**

People do open kitchen cabinets and drawers, so get organized. The addition of rollout shelves on lower cabinets and dividers in drawers make buys think there is more room for their stuff when the peek in.

**2. Add or replace tile.**

A relatively inexpensive tile job can make a room look a lot cleaner than it actually is. Replace broken or cracked tiles, or add a new backsplash by shopping at local tile stores for remnants or returns, or look at Bring Recycling Center for something. Just measure and get enough for the job, plus extras.

**3. Add a pass through breakfast bar.**

If there is a wall between the kitchen and dining area, consider removing the top portion to create a pass through. An inexpensive slab or tiles can be added, and a few barstools can change the whole feel of the space.

**4. Touch up the paint around windows and doors.**

People often paint the walls white but fail to fix any of the trim. Door jambs can take a beating, especially at the entry. First impressions are always important, so make sure the door is clean, freshly nice and neat.

**5. Add flowers or topiary.**

It may seem silly, but people do respond positively to live plants and flowers. Outside, landscaping should be tidy and neat.

Outside the front door, a colorful pot of flowers or blooming bulbs can really welcome the potential buyer. Inside, fresh flowers on the bathroom counters are a very nice touch: Just don't over do it on the fragrance, as some folks don't like strong smells.

**6. Freshen up the basement and closets**

Painting the concrete floor in a basement is a fast way to freshen up the place. A geometric pattern or simple stripes can be easy to accomplish and add a lot of punch. Closets should be tidy and organized, with towels neatly folded and products sorted in baskets and boxes. And remove some stuff. Less is better when selling a house.

**7. Clean the garage**

No one wants to see a pile of rubble instead of a place to park their cars, so clean it out! Add inexpensive shelves to help organize the stuff you usually keep in the garage and box and tag the rest to a storage unit. You are trying to sell, so it is imperative that people can see what they are considering buying. It will also allow you to organize, donate, and de-clutter.

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