

Selling Your Home

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Remodeling Magazine's annual survey of Realtors in 80 cities rank home remodeling projects according to those that bring the greatest cost recovered at resale.

If you want to add curb appeal & interior pizzazz to your home before you sell, keep in mind these easy fix-ups:

1. Replace your entry door. Make sure it compliments the style of your house. No one likes to see scuff marks at the bottom of your front door, or paint that's peeling, or scratch marks from your key. Your front door should say, "Welcome to my home", not, "Go away and leave me alone."
2. Replace that nasty garage door with the mold & mud on the bottom from too much rain. Especially if your garage is on the front of the house, make your garage door look as well-maintained as the rest of the exterior.
3. Replace your siding if it's beyond spray washing.
4. Remodel your kitchen but don't spend too much doing it. A few upgrades such as countertops and appliances, along with de-cluttering will make a huge difference in kitchen appeal.
5. Add a deck, but make sure it's done right, with careful attention to craftsmanship. Have a contractor do it so it looks professionally-built, and don't make it too large or too small.

Spring is springing and now's the time to get your home glammed up and on the market. Remember to make your home inviting to prospective buyers by spritzing up the place with a few small updates. They'll pay off in a sale!