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## Small Upgrades that Make your Home Sell Faster

If you're thinking of selling, you're probably planning to do a few minor improvements to make your property more appealing to buyers. That's a smart idea.

So, what are the best small improvements to make? Here are a few ideas:

- Cabinet hardware. Upgrading the hardware on kitchen and bathroom cupboard doors and drawers can have a surprising impact on the look of those rooms. The best part is, this improvement is about as DIY-friendly as it gets!
- Cover plates. If you have older light and electrical switches, replacing the cover plates with something more stylish can make a difference. It's probably the simplest way to give a room a more modern look.
- Countertops. Replacing kitchen or bathroom countertops isn't cheap. However, it's substantially less expensive than a full-on kitchen or bathroom renovation. And, new countertops make those rooms look refreshed.
- Kitchen sink and faucet. If your current sink is old and stained, replacing it is a fairly simple improvement that will have a big impact. Also consider updating the faucet to further enhance the look of the space. There are hundreds of styles available.



- Carpeting. Of all the types of flooring, carpets are the easiest and most affordable to replace.
   New carpets also create a clean and upgraded look. If you have old carpeting on the main floor or stairs, consider replacing it when selling.
- Lights and fixtures. If you have old light fixtures in your home, especially in key areas such as the foyer and kitchen, your lighting may be dim. New fixtures will not only make those spaces more modern-looking and appealing, but the lighting will probably also be better too.

Finally, don't forget one of the simplest and most effective improvements of them all: painting. A freshly painted room almost always looks more attractive to buyers.

## Tips on Buying the Right Video Doorbell



Video doorbells have become so popular that it's not uncommon for visitors to smile as they come up to the door. They want to make a good impression on the video!

These doorbells are definitely convenient.

Depending on the model you purchase, you

can see who's there and even speak to that person before opening your door. Some systems even allow for recording.

If you haven't purchased a video doorbell yet, there are some important things to consider when shopping for one.

First, make sure the resolution is at least 1080p. If it's less than that, the image quality will be blurry — especially at night.

Video doorbells come in wired or battery versions. Battery versions are easy to install,

but you'll need to keep the battery charged. Wired versions are more secure and reliable. However, the installation is more complex.

It's recommended that you choose a video doorbell with cloud storage options (including date stamping.) That way, anything that's recorded will be stored, and you'll be able to recover it if needed.

Finally, make sure the doorbell works with your mobile phone. That way, you can receive alerts when someone approaches your front door.

## Think, Act... Live!

"Success is finding satisfaction in giving a little more than you take." Christopher Reeves

"Self-belief and hard work will always earn you success." Virat Kohli