

The Clothesline Conundrum: What Do They Mean for Home Values?

When it comes to clotheslines, there tend to be two schools of thought about whether they are good for home values or not. On one end of the spectrum are the people who believe that clotheslines bring down property values because they are **not aesthetically pleasing**. Some people also **associate clotheslines with impoverished living conditions**. For these reasons, depending on where you live, there may be a **ban or restrictions** on hanging your clothes to dry outdoors.

The other camp of people is those who see the **energy cost savings from clotheslines as a welcoming feature to a home**. After all, dryers are one of the most energy-consuming appliances in a home. Some people have joined a “Right to Dry” movement to fight against clothesline bans. With climate change effects an ongoing global concern, many people are looking for **eco-efficient homes** as a win-win for the environment and their wallet.

Takeaway: Whether clotheslines affect home values or not is **largely community-specific**. If you don’t have a ban on hanging clothes outside in your area, it’s best to assess the vibe of your neighbourhood in deciding if you think the majority of prospective buyers would appreciate a clothesline or not.



Keeping Kids Entertained During Open House Tours



Touring open houses with your kids in tow can be a challenge. Having a game plan is key, as it will keep them engaged while you focus on the tour.

So, here are some ideas to keep chaos from ensuing:

- Prior to arriving, give them a pep talk about respecting other people’s property and pets.
- If your children can read, create a checklist of what you’re looking for in a property, and as they encounter what’s on the list, they can check it off.
- Ask your kids to look for defects like scuffs, to help them feel involved and give them something to focus

on during the tours.

- Give them the job of capturing photos and recording videos on your phone but be sure to ask permission first.
- Bring along grab-and-go bags with activities, snacks, and drinks for entertainment while driving between open houses.

Good luck finding your dream home, and may your kids enjoy the journey with you.

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“Happiness doesn’t have just one address.” *Anonymous*

“One minute of patience, ten years of peace.” *Greek Proverb*