

Here's Some Hot Tips On Selling Your House

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Bet you could use some tips on selling your house. Because the last thing you want when looking to sell your place is for word to get out that it does not show well. We both know you only get one chance to make a good first impression. Fail to do that and some interested buyers may not even get out of the Realtor's car. Shouting

"Next" faster than you ever thought possible.

To insure that doesn't happen here's some things you could easily make into a checklist. Just to make sure you've dotted your i's and crossed your t's. Some are ideas you may not have thought of. So please read these tips on selling your house very carefully.

Sweep the street next to the curb in front of your house. Getting up all grass clippings, leaves, litter and weeds that have put down roots. Or anything else that might give even the slightest hint of neglect.

Remove weeds growing in between sections of the front walk. Make sure you edge all side walks too - to give your place a good crisp look.

If paint won't do it get a replacement mail box. Those shiny brass ones always catch my eye. And if the porch light doesn't respond to removing the dead bugs out of the globe you might look into a shiny new one of those too.

Oil the hinges on the storm door. No creak is a good creak that erupts when the door is opened.

If you've got pets be sure the yard is free of any presents they have left behind. One of the more important tips on selling your house since you want to avoid having anyone stepping in doo-doo.

A fresh coat of paint the fence and some lithium on the hinges of the front gate is a good idea while you're at it.

Once you decide to sell get out the spreader, buy plenty of fertilizer and freshen up the yard. Water as needed so it looks green and healthy. And put some weed killer on it so what's green is actually grass.

Trim the shrubs, cut the dead branches out of the trees and maybe put down some fresh mulch around the trees as well.

Depending on when you're selling, set out some flowering annuals in front of the house. That can put on an inviting and colorful display all their own.

Take care of all stains on your deck and seal it. Ditto for those unsightly oil stains on the garage floor. If need be use dry cement to pull up the stain like magic.

Move your boat or RV to a storage lot.

Put a fresh coat of driveway sealant on your asphalt driveway. And if buyers are scheduled, move your car out of the driveway so the size of the drive is readily apparent.

If you've got siding paint it. Replace any siding that's cracked, dented, or defective in any way. Same goes for the down spouts and gutters. And clean the shutters. You want the exterior of the house to make it's obvious it's been well maintained.

Here's another idea. Window boxes. And Windex all window panes. Replace any broken windows. If screens are in make sure there are no tears in them.