

# MAKE YOUR Home Stand Out!

You don't have to curb your enthusiasm when it comes to boosting curb appeal! Make your home stand out and increase its value with these simple and cost-effective tips.



## Think About the Bigger Picture

Go for improvements that will stay with the house, like adding a white picket fence in the front yard, a swing on the porch or even keyless entry. These become assets to the home, increasing the value.

## Deep Cleaning

If you don't already own one, rent a pressure washer to brighten up your home's exterior. You may also use a deck brush and cleaning solution to scrub away dirt. Get rid of any yard debris and cobwebs by sweeping your porch or patio, and wipe down any outdoor furniture.

## Front Door Makeover

Paint the front door a new shade, or just touch it up with a fresh coat. While you're at it, think about upgrading your doorknob to a keyless entry, or looking into a Ring video doorbell for added security.

## Update Porch Décor

Dress up the front porch with outdoor furniture, potted plants and other décor for the season. Consider adding a rocking chair, flag, doormat or porch swing — but avoid making it too cluttered. If you have the space, perhaps add a fire pit or a few lounge chairs.

## Garage Door Refresh

In addition to refreshing the paint job, you may consider purchasing DIY add-ons like magnetic handles from your local home improvement store. You can also easily craft faux garage door windows by following tutorials on YouTube. These affordable options will make your garage door look like new, with minimal handy work.

## Light It Up

The right lighting can transform a space. Consider small porch lamps or outdoor string lights that match your home's style. Swap out bulbs in existing fixtures for brighter, longer-lasting LED ones. You may also consider motion-sensor lights for added security as well as lights to illuminate your driveway or walkway.



# HOW TO Create A Home Oasis

A well-thought landscape design can do wonders for your curb appeal. Here's how to start creating your oasis in just a few easy steps.

## What to Plant This Fall

- **Mums** - multiple colours; prefer full sun
- **Pansies** - rich colours can reflect light from frosts
- **Iberis Autumn Beauty** - white blossoms flower in spring and fall
- **Russian Sage** - produces lavender flowers, requires little water
- **Goldenrod** - bright yellow flowers that attract butterflies
- **Sedum Autumn Joy** - low maintenance, great in dry soil



## Got Bigger Plans?

If you need to call in a pro for your curb appeal projects, I know a great landscape architect or contractor who can help in a way that's safe and sanitary!

## Step 1

### What Plants Work in Your Region?

Stroll around the neighbourhood to get an idea for what plants work in your region.

## Step 2

### Pick the Plants That Work for You

Factor in how much work you're willing to do, since some plants require more maintenance than others.

Roses, jasmine, honeysuckle or fresh herbs can provide a fresh, floral scent in your yard.

Fruit trees can be fun to harvest and stay with the property, increasing its value. Plum, peach, pear or apple trees work best in most northern climates.

## Step 3

### Choose Your Planters

Make them pop, but keep them within the style of your home.

## Step 4

### Hang Up a Hummingbird Feeder

to create a colourful, more vibrant garden. These birds spread pollen to help your flowers grow more easily.

## Step 5

### Maintenance Is Key!

Take some time each weekend to water the plants, remove any weeds and keep the yard space beautiful!