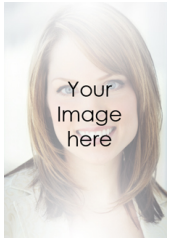
TIPS TO ENHANCE YOUR CURB APPEAL

A few eye-catching improvements to your home's exterior makes your home stand out.

- Use a power washer to clean the siding, clear out the cobwebs on the ceiling of your porch, wash fences and push the dirt off the driveway. **Do not power wash your roof,** as it can cause damage to shingles or tiles.
- Thoroughly clean water-related features. Remove leaves, debris and algae from ponds, water fountains or birdbaths. Make sure to clean any water filters.
- Ensure your lawn sprinklers and any misters are in working order. If any sprinkler and emitter heads are malfunctioning or you notice a dying patch of grass, have the system professionally repaired.
- Bring color to your yard with flowerbeds and mulch. Use contrasting colors to make the flowerbeds pop: light mulch, dark plants or dark mulch, light plants.
- When trees and shrubs get out of control, trim them into squares or spheres. You can do this easily with electronic hedge clippers. A landscaper's tip for easier trimming: lay a sheet or tarp around the bush before you begin trimming so leaves can be easily picked up and thrown away.
- A new welcome mat will make your front porch more inviting.
- Don't forget the backyard, especially if it can be viewed from the street.

A day working in the yard will make a huge difference in bringing buyers through the front door and, hopefully, to the bidding table.



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