



Here are 10 cheap ways to make a property more attractive to shoppers:

1. **Improve first impressions.** Touch up the paint on the front door and other areas that buyers see first.
2. **Clean up the landscaping.** Trim the hedges and trees and plant some annuals in the flowerbeds.
3. **Paint the interior.** A coat of light yellow or cream with contrasting white woodwork looks fresh and clean.
4. **Refurbish the floors.** Buff the hardwoods. Install new carpets – or at least get them professionally cleaned.
5. **Take care of the big problems.** If the house needs a roof or the front stoop is crumbling, get them fixed.
6. **Buy warranties.** Putting appliances under warranty gives homebuyers a secure feeling.
7. **Improve energy efficiency.** New windows or improved insulation tell a potential buyer the seller is on top of things plus they come with tax benefits.
8. **Replace light fixtures.** Updated fixtures, especially at the entrance way and in the foyer, create a good first impression.
9. **Buy a stove.** Home owners whose kitchen isn't top of the line can jazz it up for a few hundred dollars by buying a new stove, which gives the room a fresh feel.
10. **Tidy up the bathrooms.** Get rid of mildew, replace caulking and replace stained sinks.