



## 9 Spring Spruce-ups On a Shoestring

- 1. Spring into cleaning** – Use a little elbow grease to make your floors, windows, appliances and light fixtures sparkle. Potential buyers feel more comfortable when viewing a clean house.
- 2. Minimize clutter** – “Less is more” when it comes to staging your home for sale. Put anything in storage that takes away from a room’s overall impact.
- 3. Organize closets** – A well-organized closet will appear roomier, which is what buyers want. There are a number of affordable closet shelving and storage systems that you can install yourself.
- 4. Paint works wonders** – Fresh paint can be the least expensive way to transform a room. Neutral colors work best because a buyer can move in now and choose their custom colors later.
- 5. Make a great first impression** – Pretend that you’re entering your home for the first time. If there are cobwebs or peeling paint on your front door, that first impression will be negative. Make needed repairs and replace an overly-worn welcome mat with a new one.
- 6. Add color with containers** – Add container plantings to your front entrance for a welcoming focal point. The following plants are perfect for spring: ivy, sweet alyssum, geranium, snapdragon, salvia, liriopse, and dianthus.
- 7. Fresh cut flowers** – Fresh flowers bring the outdoors inside, adding color and aroma. If your home is painted in neutral tones, choose brightly colored flowers. If your home is already full of color, opt for lighter hues, such as white or yellow.
- 8. Spring touches** – Lighten up your decorating with throws and toss pillows that say “Spring”. Pack away those heavier quilts and winter accent pieces.
- 9. Hot color trends** – This Spring, soothing mint and bright foliage are two striking variations of this season’s signature color: green. Other tones also incorporate a hint of green, including light, airy blues and deeper gray teals. Honey-hued yellows and subtle shaded purples, along with bright white round out the season’s palette.