

20 Tips to Improve . . . Your Home's Interior Appearance & Value

Whether you're rejuvenating for yourself or with plans to sell your home, there are a few basic tips to make the interior of your home sparkle. Take these tips . . . add your personal touches and voila! You might even get your own Decorating Show on Cable TV!

1. Check with your Home Owner's Association (HOA) before making any changes/modifications that affect the exterior structure & color of your home.
2. Purge and Organize all Closets and Storage Areas. Garage-Sale/Donate what you can, and dispose of unwanted items.
3. Scour the Kitchen 'til it shines. Don't forget the exhaust hood & filter over the stove, and the cabinet under the sink.
4. Are the Kitchen Cabinets tired and worn? Before resorting to replacement, try fresh cabinet paint & don't forget the insides.
5. Updated Cabinet & Drawer Hardware is a low cost way to freshen the look. Be sure old "holes" match the new knobs & handles.
6. Replacement of Kitchen Flooring, Sink Hardware and Countertops can make old, dated cabinets less obvious.
7. Repair or Replace Appliances that aren't working safely & correctly.
8. Check under all Sinks for slow leaks & drips. Fix immediately!
9. Vacuum Refrigerator Coils (behind front bottom panel).
10. Clean and Re-Caulk Bath Tubs & Showers. Replace any loose tiles and Re-Grout where needed.
11. Check water supply lines for all toilets & sinks. A slow drip can cause enormous damage . . . below.
12. Make sure all Doors open/close & latch properly. Consider New Knobs.
13. Repair/Replace Damaged Window Screens.
14. Clean Windows (Glass and Sills) Inside and Out. Oh, what a difference!
15. If there are mirror squares or foil wallpaper on your walls, it will really "date" the appearance of the home.
16. Newer Interior Light Fixtures are another great way to update the home.
17. When you paint, remember "flat" on walls and semi-gloss on trim. (Semi-gloss is also recommended for Kitchen & Bath Walls . . . easier to clean.)
18. New Wall-Switch and Outlet Covers (.79¢) really finish a paint project as do new AC Air Vent Covers (~\$6).
19. Floors & Carpets Last! If you have Hardwood Floors, show them off with area rugs. If you carpet, a middle grade will do quite nicely. Don't buy thick padding.
20. Good lighting can make a huge difference to the warmth of your interior space. Use 75-100W Bulbs, unless the lamp says not to.



205 Worth Avenue, Suite 307-C
Palm Beach, FL 33480
(561) 600-7117
ThePalmBeachesTeam.com