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Seven Easy Tips to Refresh Your Home

These are a few tips you can implement them at any time. Having the house empty simply made things easier.

1. Wash the Baseboards, Door Frames and Light Switches: There's nothing like moving a bed that's been in the same place for 8 years to make you really see the dust! I realized that I should probably pull the beds out every once in a while and dust and vacuum behind them. Wow. What a mess! To clean the baseboards, just use a damp cloth. Pay close attention to the top ridge. You may want to use a broom or the brush attachment on a shop vac to go across the top before you wash.



2. Touch Up Your Paint Job: Since carpet installers were coming on Monday, we spent Saturday moving furniture and tearing out the old carpet. We spent part of Saturday and Monday touching up paint on the walls and baseboards all over the house. We just had to stay ahead of the workmen. Wow! What a difference!

3. Clean/Dust Ceilings: Now's the perfect time to pull down the sneaky cobwebs hiding in the corners and ceilings of your home. To reach the high spots, drape a dust cloth over the top of a broom. Drag the cloth draped broom along the corners and ceiling. It works like a charm!

4. Dust Blinds and Windowsills: This is another one of those seriously neglected areas at my house. The furniture is always in the way, and it's kind of a pain. There's so much wind in my area that dirt literally blows in through tiny cracks around the windows. I hate dragging the shop vac around the furniture. Cleaning the blinds is not fun, but dust free blinds definitely make the house look great!

5. Rearrange the Furniture: We rearranged the furniture in our front room, reconfigured our giant family computer desk (it's now L-shaped), and rearranged our bedroom. The rooms all look larger and less cluttered. Love it!

6. Have a Garage Sale: Look around at how nice your home looks with just the furniture and no clutter. Be thoughtful about what you put back in your home. Do you really use it? Do you really need it? Does anyone actually use it? If not, get rid of it, put it in your garage sale.

7. Get Committed to Stay Clean and Organized: This one is easier said than done. There's definitely something about starting with a clean slate that makes this easier, though. Recommit to things like quick cleanups before bed, doing the dishes immediately after dinner, and dealing with paperwork and junk mail immediately instead of letting it pile up on the counter. (You know--those great habits that are so easy to break!)

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GTA REALTORS® Release May 2021 Stats

June home sales were up compared to last year, but remained below the March 2021 peak and were lower than the number of transactions reported for May 2021, consistent with the regular seasonal trend. The average selling price in June increased by double digits compared to last year as well, but the annual rate of increase moderated compared to the previous three months.

Summary of Existing Home Transactions in Durham Region

Table with 5 columns: Location, New Listings, Active Listings, Avg. Sold/List Price, Avg. Days on Market. Rows include Durham Region, Ajax, Brock, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge, and Whitby.

Greater Toronto Area REALTORS® reported 11,106 sales through TRREB's MLS® System in June 2021 – up by 28.5% compared to June 2020. Looking at the GTA as a whole, year-over-year sales growth was strongest in the condominium apartment segment, both in the City of Toronto and some of the surrounding suburbs. On a month-over-month basis, both actual and seasonally adjusted sales continued to trend lower in June.

In all major market segments, year-over-year growth in sales well outpaced growth in new listings over the same period, pointing to the continuation of tight market conditions characterized by competition between buyers and strong price growth. On a month-over-month basis, both actual and seasonally adjusted average prices edged lower in June.

The June 2021 MLS® Home Price Index composite benchmark was up by 19.9% year over year. The average selling price for all home types combined was up by 17% over the same time period to \$1,089,536. While price growth continued to be driven by the low-rise segments of the market, it is important to note that the average condominium apartment price was up by more than eight% compared to June 2020, well outstripping inflation.

Terminology

CONVEYANCE: The transfer of property ownership. Also, the written instrument whereby such transfer is effected. Conveyance includes a mortgage, charge, lease etc.

KNOB AND TUBE WIRING: Open electric-wiring work in which the wires are supported on knobs or cleats and encased in tubes where they pass through beams or partitions.

TENANCY IN COMMON: The owners each own a part of a common land. If one owner dies, the interest goes to his or her heirs rather than the other owner(s).



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