

SIMPLE WAYS TO BOOST CURB APPEAL

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The outside of your home is just as important as the inside when working to attract buyers. Follow these five cheap and easy ways to improve curb appeal.

1. EDGE IT!

Make the distinction crisp between lawn and flowerbed or sidewalk. Replace old edging materials with tumbled concrete pavers (the heavier they are the better they stay in place).

2. MULCH IT!

Cover bare ground with two inches of attractive mulch.

3. STAIN IT!

Old concrete walks, steps and planters crack, stain and discolor. Cover them with new colored concrete stains. The result unifies paving and mimics more expensive stone.

4. COLOR IT!

Worn out fences can give the property a black eye. Stain them with muted colors like warm gray, soft green, antique gold, or subtle blue.

5. PLANT IT!

Buy whole flats or six packs of single color annuals.