5 Budget-Friendly Ways to Boost Your Curb Appeal

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You only get one shot to make a memorable first impression. As your family and friends or potential buyers approach your house, they will have already formed an opinion long before they even reach the front door. *An untidy, neglected front yard can give the wrong impression and even deter many potential home buyers.* There are several easy and affordable DIY projects you can do to make your home's street appearance more attractive.

You can generate a positive and welcoming first impression with a few inexpensive weekend projects to instantly boost your home's curb appeal. Whether you've just bought a new home, are looking for an update or preparing to put your home on the market - homeowners can easily upgrade their home's appearance by creating eye-catching curb appeal.

The Importance of Curb Appeal

The importance of your home's curb appeal cannot be overstated, especially if you are trying to sell it. While poor curb appeal can devalue your home and make it harder to sell, simple improvements will provide added value for a substantial return on investment (ROI). Interesting or eye-catching curb appeal gives the impression that you and your family take great pride in your home.

Before you put your home on the market, plan on putting in the time and effort it will take to beautify the exterior and de-clutter, organize and clean the interior. **Your property is** easier to sell if you present a well-kept, finished look. Begin by evaluating what needs to be done - cleaning, painting, simple gardening and updating fixtures to bring an incredible ROI.

Create eye-catching curb appeal on a budget to bring you a sense of pride and

get your home ready for the market. Advanced Window Products in Salt Lake City, Utah is pleased to present 5 budget-friendly ways to boost your curb appeal.

Outside Clean-Up

Making your home as nice on the outside as it is on the inside is the best way to get potential home buyers excited to tour your home. A weekend spent throwing away junk, putting away kids' toys, pulling weeds and pressure washing sidewalks, the porch, patio and the exterior of your house will significantly increase your home's curb appeal.

Removing personal items, clutter, dirt & debris and leaving patio furniture and potted plants will set the stage for buyers to envision themselves living in the home. **You'll be surprised** what an effective outdoor cleaning can do to make your home feel inviting, at first glance.

Add or Update Outdoor Lighting

Updating existing porch and driveway lights with new energy saving dawn-to-dusk LED light fixtures will give your home a new upgraded look. An easy, money saving way to update outdoor light fixtures is to give the old ones a makeover. Simply remove the fixtures and change the color or touch-up with a fresh coat of spray paint.

Inexpensive landscape lighting can express welcoming, friendly night-time curb appeal and a well-lit home will bring an extra sense of security. Brighten up garden beds and walkways with solar powered garden lamps. Put the focus on special features by highlighting features like a flagpole, birdbath or water fountain with up-lighting for extra drama.

Weekend Gardening Spruce-Up

Whether you have money to spend on landscaping or not, making an effort to spruce up garden areas and flower beds is a necessity. Rake and turn the soil or add fresh mulch to give these areas a clean finished look. If it is in the budget; bright or contrasting flowers, grassy plants or cool succulents bring a special vitality to add color and life to the front yard.

Container gardening is an easy way to add interest with flowers and plants without a designated gardening spot. Flower pots can easily be changed out for each season and flowers can be replanted as they lose their blooms. Adding hanging plants and small potted trees to your entryway is an economical way to add instant beauty to your home.

A Fresh Coat of Paint

While painting the whole house may not be in the budget, one gallon of paint can give your home an instant face-lift. Choose from a bright, eye-catching color for added pop or a neutral modern tone for an updated front door, shudders and trim. Repaint or touch up

porch or patio railing for a new, well maintained look. A fresh coat of paint can do wonders for the curb appeal of your home.

Simple Updates for Big Impact

There are several simple updates you can do to create positive change without breaking the budget. From inexpensive finds at your local home store to thoughtful DIY projects, putting some extra effort and attention to the little details can make a big impact. Consider updating one or all the following, to help make the best possible first impression:

- Replace House Numbers or Make Your Own Chic House Numbers
- Invest in a New Doorbell or Paint/Replace the Housing
- Upgrade Front Door Hardware or Change the Finish
- Buy a New Mailbox or Customize the Old One with Paint

Go the Extra Mile to Attract Buyers

After everything is cleaned, organized and simplified, you can still **add a little something extra to set the stage and attract potential buyers**. To go the extra mile, here are a few additions to help complete your home's new look:

- A Seasonal Wreath and Minimal Outdoor Holiday Decor
- New Welcome Mat or Update an Old Doormat with DIY
- Add Pillows or a Throw Blanket to Front Porch Chairs

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