

IMPROVE THE CURB APPEAL OF YOUR HOBSON WEST HOME

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Great curb appeal is important whether or not you are preparing your home for sale. You want the exterior of your home to look fresh and clean. Here are some tips for making your home attractive without breaking the bank.

Exterior of Home

- Sand and paint the wood trim around your home.
- If you have aluminum siding whose color is dated you can hire professional company to spray paint it. The procedure is not too expensive but it is very durable, usually guaranteed, and looks fabulous.
- Consider replacing old windows. New windows update an older home immediately. According to Remodeling Magazine you can recoup up to 67% of your investment.
- Remove cobwebs and dead insects from exterior light fixtures and entryway.

Yard and Landscaping

- Rake and remove leaves from around bushes and plants and control the weeds.
- Lay fresh mulch
- If your perennials are getting very large, divide them. Give them to friends or contact <http://my.freecycle.org/> You can offer the plants free at this web site and even ask that the recipient dig them up themselves.
- Establish a color theme for flowers and plants. Use plants that bloom at different times throughout the season to maintain constant color and interest.
- Consider height and width when planting. Place taller plants in the back to keep smaller plants visible and leave spacing between the rows for growth.
- Lawns need roughly one inch of water per week. If you have an automatic sprinkler system, set them to go off between 3 AM and 7 AM. Watering after 7 AM will prove ineffective as most of the water will be lost due to evaporation.

Other Considerations

- Keep your asphalt driveway looking fresh by seal coating it regularly
- Consider a new mailbox if yours is tilted or dated
- A new garage door updates and freshens the exterior of a home immediately

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