



# It all starts at the curb

Everyone knows the value of a first impression. **RE/MAX**® has learned that landscaping the front and backyard of your home will give you a 7% better return on your renovating dollar over the average return on other popular renos. Increasing your curb appeal can be as simple as adding containers of brightly colored flowers. Another idea would be to add a low maintenance garden for blocks of colour and texture. Also consider a simple water fixture in the backyard to add ambience.

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# Rekindle your passion for living

Nothing beats the feeling of curling up around a fire on a cold winter's night. Not to mention the comforting feeling of hearth and home that a fireplace adds to a room.

RE/MAX<sup>®</sup> return on reno index says that installing or upgrading the fireplace in your home will generate 11% greater return on investment than the average return on other popular renos.

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# Great ideas underfoot

Great-looking floors are a strong feature of any home. It often makes all the difference. RE/MAX® knows this upgrade can generate a 22% better return on investment than the average.

Start by ripping out that dated wall-to-wall carpet. Then sand your existing floors down and refinish them, or choose one of the many easy-to-install affordable laminants now available. A darker stain gives an elegant yet up to date look.

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# The Kitchen is the hub

Ever wonder why “kitchen parties” naturally occur every time you have a get-together? Well, it’s because the kitchen is the hub of every home. It’s where we get nourishment and refreshment, gather and regroup after a busy day. It is a room with real value for every family. At **RE/MAX**® we’ve learned that kitchen upgrades can really deliver, with a 44% higher return on investment than the average return on other popular renos.

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# Try a fresh coat of paint

Often overlooked for the dramatic effect it can have on any living environment, RE/MAX® knows that the simple repainting of walls gives you a 29% better return than other popular renos. Whether you go neutral with splashes of colour or warm and dramatic, trends include a mix of strong colours, mixed with nature-inspired neutral-energy colours like orange, aqua, sage and blue, along with neutral palates leaning toward bisque, fawn, gray and walnut.

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# Disappear in your personal spa

Today's stress-filled world leaves us all crying out for rest and relaxation. **RE/MAX**® knows making your bathroom the best it can be will generate a 56% better return on investment than the average popular reno.

The goal should be to create a spa-like environment in your bathroom by installing a soaker tub with relaxing jets, or perhaps a new steam shower stall.

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