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Feng Shui Staging to Sell Your Home Quickly

Take the logical path to getting your home in tip-top shape to sell

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If you are like many Long Islanders, you wonder how you will ever sell your home in the current marketplace. Feng Shui can help! Read the following tips to reduce the amount of time your home is on the market:

Curb Appeal:

A logical first step in selling a home is determining and improving its curb appeal.

- A well-manicured lawn with planter boxes
- Freshly painted home
- Front entry area should be clear, door open easily without creaking
- The bell or chime at the front door should be pleasing to the ear and in working order
- The front of the house should be well lit
- A water feature by the front door is very auspicious—pleasing to both the eye and the ear!

Entry Area:

The entry area is considered the “mouth of chi” in Feng Shui due to the central role it plays in allowing opportunity from the external world to reach its inhabitants. The entry area is the vital to the initial impression a buyer has of your home.

Make sure it:

- Is free of clutter
- A pleasing smell
- Is well lit
- Has plants in entry that are welcoming (rounded, rather than sharp, leaves)

There has been a trend for houses built with large entries. With such large spaces, be sure that it does not appear cavernous. Make sure to incorporate soft elements, such as area rugs, curtains, and plants to make it feel cozy.

Throughout the Home:

- De-clutter – Obviously, it’s much easier to create a nice environment when you remove the piles of laundry, unpaid bills, papers, and unfinished projects. When you clear the clutter you are actually allowing stagnant energy to be displaced and fresh, positive energy to take hold.
- De-personalize – It’s hard for prospective buyers to visualize themselves in your home. Make it easier for them by removing personal collections and family photos.
- Bathrooms represent yin, or unhealthy, energy. Keep toilet lids closed and bathroom doors closed while you are showing the house.

More Ideas:

You can also enhance your chance for sale by incorporating these additional ideas:

- Review the Wealth/Power corner of your house – If there are any problems in this area (clutter, broken items, etc) be sure to clean this area out. If this area is in good shape, then you can enhance your chance for sale by adding plants or a water feature, among other things representing the Wood element. (You can locate the Wealth/Power corner of your house by standing in the front doorway of your home. The Wealth/Power corners will be in the far left corner of your house.)
- Enhance the Helpful People area of your home, which represents the realtors and prospective buyers. You can add objects representing Metal or Water elements in this space, such as a metal sculpture or water feature. (You can locate the Helpful People area by standing in the front doorway of your home. The Helpful People area will be immediately the near right corner, along the same wall as the front door).

With all these great Feng Shui ideas to stage your home, you should be selling your home in no time!

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