

# These 8 small home improvement projects offer big returns on investment

Update your home strategically to get strong returns when you sell, while also giving a boost to your living space.

## 1 Replace kitchen fixtures

Upgrading appliances, changing out cabinet hardware, replacing the sink or adding an upscale backsplash can all be effective.

## 2 Clean carpets

Old, dirty or matted carpet can be detrimental to a home sale.

## 3 Maximize garage storage space

Ample garage storage is an important feature for potential buyers.

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### Inspect plumbing and electrical systems

Hire a plumber and an electrician to check existing systems and handle any minor repairs—a pre-market inspection can save you money in the long run.

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### Increase curb appeal

Consider laying sod to reinvigorate the front lawn, trimming overgrown hedges, cleaning the driveway, clearing pathways and installing exterior lighting.

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### Upgrade the front door

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry reports that installing a new front door improves a house's energy efficiency and livability.

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### Paint interior rooms

Repainting walls and ceilings could cost as little as \$25, but still bring in a solid ROI.

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### Make over the bathroom

Minor upgrades could include re-caulking around the tub, replacing the sink or updating the fixtures so they match.



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