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BRING NATURE INTO YOUR HOME

Bring in nature's restorative outdoor energy by incorporating the most appropriate types of right-sized live trees, plants, and flowers placed in interesting and well-designed containers.



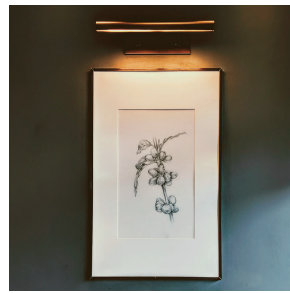
USE NATURAL FABRICS

Use a variety of natural fabrics on upholstered furniture, bedding, curtains, and accent pillows, such as velvet, damask, leather, wool, and linen.



PLAY WITH TEXTURE

Texture is a great way to bring elegance into your home. Try installing a grasscloth wallpaper, adding a chair with velvet, or boucle, or draping a beautiful throw blanket over the sofa.



INSTALL ART LIGHTS

If you find an affordable painting at a rummage sale adding an art light above it will make it feel like you paid a lot more for it.

Vince was a pleasure to work with. He was first and foremost so patient as it took a bit of time for us to decide on our next property. He was also dependable, knowledgeable, and very professional. Vince made sure to be available during our preferred time slots for showings and was also responsive via text and telephone. His photography team was amazing and really showcased our house for showing. We're looking forward to working with Vince again in the future!

—SAM & STIJN



Around Town

April 1-7 Westfield Maple
Syrup Season

April 14 Art Crawl on
James North

April 16 Drag Strip
Memories at Canadian
Warplane Heritage Museum

April 22- 23 Monster Jam
at FirstOntario Centre



WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN AT AN OPEN HOUSE

Open houses may be staged to look like a home decor dream, but don't let that distract you from the real reason you're there: to potentially buy a home. Make sure you can look past the neatly arranged furniture and focus solely on whether the house would be a good fit for you and your family.

Windows - Look specifically if they are facing the right direction to let sunlight in, and whether they open to a nice view (versus directly toward another neighbor's window).

Electrical Outlets - Make sure there are enough outlets for the appliances and other electronics you'll be using. If not, you can decide if that's a renovation you'd like to make.

Under the Rugs - Lift up any rugs to check the condition of the floor underneath.

Storage Space - Don't just look to see if there's enough closet space, but look for closet placement. Also, check that the storage is in a convenient location.



PREP YOUR AIR CONDITIONING

Get ahead of the heatwave by removing and either replacing or cleaning filters now. Turn on the unit to ensure it's blowing cool air.

SPRING YARD CLEANUP

Start by raking up any remaining leaves in the yard that survived the winter. Next, lay down mulch in your flower beds and beneath hedges to protect plants from the summer drought, and to keep weeds at bay.

CLEAN THE GUTTERS

Clear away any debris that may have been collected during the winter to ensure that any last-spring rain can flow freely away from your home's foundation.

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April HOME MAINTENANCE

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK A CONTRACTOR BEFORE HIRING THEM

Despite the wealth of information available at our fingertips, finding a good contractor for your next home improvement endeavor isn't always easy. Not quite sure what questions to ask your potential contractor? Check out our list of seven important questions to ask contractors before you hire them.



1. How long have you been working in the industry, and when was your company founded?

Get a sense of how much experience both the company owner or job foreman and the company as a whole have with the work you need to be done.

2. Can I see your certificate of insurance?

A reputable contractor will have that documentation on hand and be more than willing to let you take a look.

3. Who will be doing the work?

You should be clear on whether the contractor uses subcontractors or company employees on the payroll as well as whether you can expect to see the same people working on your house every day.

4. Who is my primary point of contact?

Be sure that you know whom to contact with any questions or concerns. Ask how that person prefers to be contacted and how quickly you should expect a reply.

5. What happens if you don't hit your deadline?

Be very clear about the deadline, any benchmark points, when your walkthroughs will be, and what their plan is if they fall behind.

