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### Preparing for Your House Hunting Journey

Home buyers are faced with a dazzling array of choices when they embark on their house hunting adventure, and sometimes it's hard to know where to begin. Start by brainstorming your family's present and future needs. Do you need extra room for a growing family? Excellent schools nearby? Enough backyard space to grow your own carrots? Put it on the list! Your "must have" and "nice-to-have" checklist will come in handy when you begin touring homes.

### The Smart Way to Clean a Bathroom

**Proper Ventilation:**  
 Mildew loves moisture, and running a fan before and after showering can help your bathroom dry faster... and make it easier to clean! -Use the Right Cleaners:



Good House Keeping recommends tub and tile spray for the shower, sink, and tub; glass cleaner for the mirrors; and toilet bowl cleaner for the toilet. Wash Your Shower Liners: Use a mild detergent with hot water, then air dry them immediately following the wash.

### When selling or refreshing your home...



1. Enhance the front door. The front door should be your home's exterior focal point – ramp up the appeal by painting it a rich hue, updating door hardware or adding a new knocker.
2. Add plantings on the street side of your fence. Remember, curb appeal starts at the curb – so instead of just planting inside the border of your fence or stone wall, plant perennials and spring bulbs just outside it as well. The extra layer of foliage and color will create a sense of depth, making your front yard appear larger. If you don't have a fence, planting perennials in the hell strip between the curb and sidewalk can have a similar effect.
3. Group pots of flowers on the porch. Cluster three pots in various sizes on your front porch or stairs. Fill with blooming spring flowers.
4. Clean windows and siding. Give your siding a fresh start this spring by washing off the dirt, road salt and cobwebs using a power washer or a regular hose with washing attachment. Just remember to clean inside windows too for the most sparkle.
5. Plant flowers with a fragrance you love. Even though you can't see it, fragrance can have a big impact on a person's experience of walking up to your home – and of course it will make your own walk up the front path more pleasant! Consider fragrant roses, lilacs, honeysuckle, jasmine, lavender or even fresh herbs, like rosemary.



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