

Simple Fixes You Can Make to Help You Rent Your Home

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Looking for ways to make your home more appealing to renters? There are a number of simple fixes you can do to your property that will make prospective tenants sit up and take notice.

Fresh paint

Inside and out, a fresh coat of paint can give your rental house a new lease on life. Choose neutral colors that won't offend a prospective renter's sense of style or make it hard to match furniture and curtains.

New fixtures

Nothing dates a house like outmoded or broken switches or lighting fixtures. For a little money, you can upgrade ceiling lights, outlet covers and switch plates — finishing touches that will make your property look well cared for and desirable.

Improve your carpeting

If you have wall-to-wall carpet that needs cleaning or replacing, now is the time to do it. Few things turn off renters as effectively as dirty or torn carpet, a sure sign of neglect by previous tenants and landlord alike.

Clean it well

The smell and overall cleanliness of your rental house is what a renter will notice first once they cross the threshold. Whether you need to hire a cleaning service or roll up your own sleeves, make sure to make right or improve upon the condition in which the last tenants left the floors, countertops and the inside of appliances.

Landscaping

Never underestimate the power of a mowed lawn and planted beds. Bright flowers and healthy greenery are the first and most striking difference you can make to your rental home's first impression.

You don't have to spend a fortune to improve on the overall soundness of your rental home. Cosmetic changes can make a massive difference. Use a stranger's eye to appraise what needs to be improved and you'll soon have more applications for your property than you can manage.

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