

The Real Estate Report

Make Your Home Feel Like New

Five ways to freshen your home for almost zero cost

RESIDENTIAL SALES BY PRICE

Price Range	2017	2016
0 to 200,000	5	7
200,000 to 240,000	4	15
240,001 to 280,000	17	32
280,001 to 320,000	22	49
320,001 to 360,000	40	101
360,001 to 400,000	55	216
400,001 to 440,000	116	291
440,001 to 480,000	183	330
480,001 to 520,000	221	308
520,001 to 560,000	256	315
560,001 to 600,000	263	316
600,001 to 999,999	1265	1054
1 million and over	225	176

REAL ESTATE STATS LAST MONTH

	2017	2016
Average house price last month	696,650	618,631
Median house price	629,950	595,000
Average Mobile home price	\$133,277	125,701
Houses Listed	164	129

RESIDENTIAL SALES

	2017	2016
Acreage/House	139	171
Townhouse	951	1080
Condo	1605	1620
Lots	509	405
Mobile Homes	258	317
Residential	2672	3210
Residential (waterfront)	38	85
TOTAL	6172	6888

ACTIVE LISTINGS (Current Total Inventory)

Res	Mobiles	Strata	Lots
602	47	421	297

New year. New home. An exciting premise but not necessarily practical for everyone.

(That said, if you are looking for an upgrade, the Okanagan-Mainline Real Estate Board is calling it a seller's market due to low inventory available and we'd be glad to help!)

However, if moving up or out isn't on your radar, here are some ways that you can make your home feel vibrant and new without a big spend right after the holidays.

1) Flip those Rooms

Rethinking the layout to some of your rooms is a great way to bring positive change. Grab a paper and pencil to redesign the flow, even changing the furniture and artwork from one room to another.

2) Creativity on Display

Speaking of artwork, harnessing your family's creativity can be an easy way to bring a whole new look to your home. Frame some of your kids' artwork to display in your living room. Or pool some of the photos that you have been taking and choose some to develop and enlarge to become the new centerpieces of your room design. You can also dig out old vintage items from the attic to display such as antique vases or radios, etc.

3) Something Borrowed

Check out your favourite style magazine or go on Pinterest to find some inspiration to revitalize tired or boring spaces.

4) Old Paint, New Look

Chances are you have some old paint cans hanging around with bits of paint left that you were saving for touch-ups. Use some of this to repaint an old side table, mantel or door-frame to produce a fresh look.

5) Less is More

Over time it is easy for rooms to become crowded and stifled. Step back and look through a critical eye to declutter. A minimalist approach can help rekindle the life in your home.

