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5 Ways to Improve Curb Appeal on the Cheap

Curb appeal is important. When the outside turns off buyers, they may never bother to look at the inside of a home.

An investment of as little as a few hundred dollars can make a huge difference in the appearance of an exterior. Here are some simple but effective suggestions:

- Wash the windows and replace any cracked or broken ones.
- Put a fresh coat of paint on siding, downspouts, and doors.
- Fill cracks in the driveway and walks.
- Trim bushes to below window height. Edge the lawn.
- Fertilize the lawn and plant blooming flowers. Put potted plants in strategic places.

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