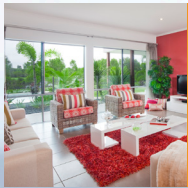


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How to get your Kitchen Ready for Sale Time

The kitchen is the heart and soul of the home, which is why it can be a big selling point at sale time. If you want to help would-be buyers fall in love with your kitchen then we have some tips that might help you.

Clean it out – When people view your kitchen they want to think about all of the wonderful meals they'll be making in it - not the dirty dishes. Make sure that everything is clean including benches, cupboards and draws. Find a new home for any appliances that aren't absolutely necessary.

Organise it – Once you've cleaned your kitchen out you have the opportunity to organise your kitchen from scratch and put everything in its perfect place. Pay particular attention to open shelving or anything on display – make sure that it looks neat and helps create the right impression.

Add some personality –

While you want to hide away clutter in the kitchen, you don't want it to look bare and empty either. You can add a little bit of colour and personality with things like flowers, a bowl of fruit or herb pots. You may also like to show off your coffee machine (or have it ready and brewing when people come over).

Remember the most important thing overall is to keep your kitchen clean and tidy while your home remains on the market so that it's ready to show in case there are any impromptu inspections.

If you would like any more help or tips for presenting your house for sale then don't hesitate to call your local Professionals real estate agent.

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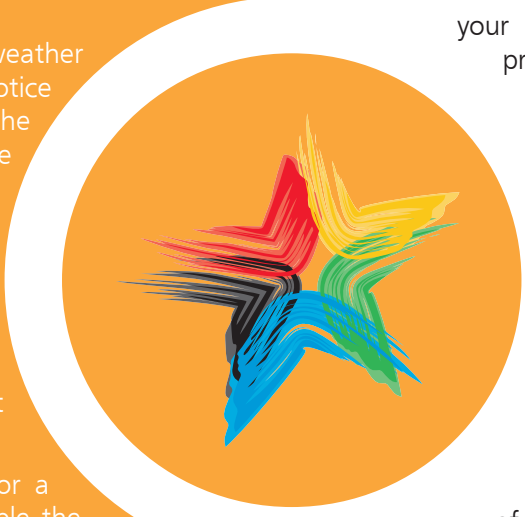


Home sellers often ask whether or not the seasons have an impact on the property market and on the ultimate price they can expect to get on their home. There is a common misconception that the best time of year to sell is summer or spring, however every season has its own set of pros and cons.

Overall the most important consideration when selling is whether or not it is the right time for the vendor, however if you are planning to sell in autumn then there are some key advantages.

- Many people actually prefer autumn weather to the hot days of summer. You might notice that more people are willing to hit the streets and attend open homes in the cooler weather.
- In Australia, autumn is seen as the time of year that people start to get serious about their goals for the year. The party season is over now and people will start to assess their situation and go after those goals that they set at New Years (such as buying a home).
- The Easter holidays in April make for a good time for selling as they give people the time off work that they might need to view homes.
- While it's not season related – current low interest rates mean that there will be plenty of buyers headed into the market for autumn 2015.

If you're thinking about selling your home and would like any advice then contact your local Professionals Real Estate office today!



Growing Herbs and Vegetables – A New Easter Tradition



While we all still love our chocolate eggs, a lot of Australian families are trying to find ways to make Easter a healthier time of year and one way to do this is to start a tradition of growing your own backyard herbs or vegetables that can then be used in your Easter dishes.

You could grow herbs like parsley, coriander or chives to go with your fish on Good Friday, and you can grow vegetables to go on your plate such as fresh lettuce leaves and tomatoes. You might also like to teach your kids how the Easter bunny would prefer to eat these kinds of foods, plus carrots too of course.

Depending on your tastes or what's in season near you there are plenty of herb and vegetable options to grow, such as thyme, oregano, onions and root vegetables just to name a few.

To look after your plants, simply give them a little bit of water each day, occasionally add fertiliser and provide them with at least five hours of sunlight. You also need to give them enough room to grow, so only add one type of herb or vegetable if you're placing them in smallpots.

Growing herbs and vegetables should make for a healthy (and yummy) new Easter tradition for the whole family to enjoy.

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