

# MONEY MATTERS



## What To Do Before You Put Your Home Up For Sale

(NAPSA)—When selling your house, you may first think about how your house looks from the outside, but inner beauty is also important. Fortunately, there's a lot you can do for relatively little money that can make your home stand out to prospective buyers.

So, what can you do to improve the appeal of your home? Before rushing to purchase expensive new flooring and countertops, the experts at Budget Blinds, the nation's leading custom window covering franchise, offer these cost-effective suggestions:

- **Clean up**—A tidy home is more appealing than a messy one. Take a good look at your window treatments. Are the draperies dingy, the blinds banged up, the shutters shabby? Perhaps replacing your treatments with new ones will do the trick.

- **Depersonalize rooms**—There's a reason white and off-white are the leading colors for window treatments—they're safe. Replacing the pink and orange floral draperies in your little girl's room with a simple roller shade will allow the couple to decide for themselves whose room it will be.

- **Update your look**—If your window treatments are still stuck in the '90s, refreshing them with a new cellular shade or faux wood horizontal blinds may be helpful in moving your property faster.

- **Create a focal point**—If you have a great view, call attention to it by bundling your window



### Updating your window treatments can make your home more attractive to potential buyers.

treatments. Bundling is the practice of combining two classic window treatments on one window. For example, layer a sheer drapery panel over a roller shade or window shading to add drama. Further, use draperies to visually lengthen a short window or camouflage a harsh angle.

- **Use window treatments** to tone down harsh sunlight during photo shoots.

- **Add blackout treatments** to a media room.

You can even bring in a professional design consultant. Budget Blinds, for example, will meet with consumers to provide a homeowners with a free in-home consultation and guide them to the window coverings that meet their needs. To learn more, visit [www.budgetblinds.com](http://www.budgetblinds.com).