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Take the Stress Out of Moving with These Storage Ideas

Few things are more dreaded than moving day but new storage solutions can ease some of the stress. Learn how to select the right storage space for your needs, based upon your specific situation, without breaking the bank.

Flexible Time. If your top priority is a flexible schedule, a POD might be the perfect choice for you. PODs are large containers that allow you to pack - and unpack - at your own pace. Because PODs are closer to the ground, they also tend to be easier to load and unload.

Long-Term or Transitional Storage. If you are relocating for a job, downsizing or planning to move within a short period of time, longer-term on-site storage might make the most sense. Rather than selling all your belongings or buying a bigger home, shop around for a local self-storage facility within a short distance of your new home. It's a great way to clear the clutter without sacrificing cost. Whichever method you select, keep these tips in mind:

Ask about insurance. Don't assume your homeowners policy covers belongings in storage. Verify it in advance or ask about a rider to ensure that your belongings are fully protected.

Evaluate on-site security. Not all storage solutions are equal - always verify the security measures are in place before making a final decision.

Climate control. If you intend to store valuable antiques, expensive electronics or other items that may be impacted by high humidity or temperature extremes, consider opting for climate-controlled units instead.

Ask the Agent: This Month's Question

How can I use landscaping to make my home more attractive to buyers?

You don't have to spend a lot to make big improvements in your home's curb appeal. Keeping your lawn manicured and trimming bushes and trees is an inexpensive way to make a positive impression on buyers. You'll also want to remove any dead or diseased plants and ensure that beds are weeded and freshly mulched.

Use colour to create visual interest, and select a variety of plants that bloom or change color throughout the year so your yard will be attractive in every season. If your yard is open to neighbours' yards, a street or public areas, consider screening to create a more private space. This can be done with evergreen trees and bushes or with an attractive fence.

If the front of your home is obscured by overgrown trees or bushes, remove them or trim them back to help buyers get a clear view of your home.

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Why Smart Homebuyers Work with an Agent

When it comes to selling a home, almost everyone understands the value of working with a knowledgeable real estate agent. But buyers can often benefit even more than they might expect. Find out the top reasons more buyers than ever choose to work with an agent when searching for their next home or investment property.

Saves Time: Undoubtedly one of the most commonly cited benefits of working with an agent when buying a property is the ability to save time. Real estate agents do the hard work for you by obtaining all the details and then showing you only those properties that meet your preestablished criteria.

Saves Money: Not only does working with an agent allow you to focus efforts on properties that meet your needs, but research also shows that it actually saves money in the long run. Sellers view agents as more objective during the negotiation process, and buyers that work with agents have access to the best deals. Remember, even in a buyer's market, the best deals go

fast. Many properties are already under contract by the time they make it into the magazines or online MLS listings, whereas many agents send out weekly or even daily updates of newly listed properties.

Reduces Stress: Real estate agents are able to work with lending officers, appraisers and others to streamline the entire transaction and keep things moving along by providing a single, reliable point of contact. Should anything go wrong, agents are able to access their network of contacts and expertise to assist every step of the way.

Access: Some of the best buying opportunities never even make it to the MLS listings; instead, foreclosures, bank-owned properties and even government repossessions are often handled by specific agents. Likewise, agents are often aware of creative finance options or specialized programs that may benefit veterans, first-time buyers, investors or even small-business owners.

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Go Green with These Alternatives to Household Cleaners

Going green is a great way to save money and improve your health, especially when it comes to common household cleaners. Harsh chemical cleaners and even air fresheners are known to cause headaches and allergic-type symptoms and even increase asthma-related illness among sensitive individuals. Fortunately, it's easy to go green with these eco-friendly home cleaning alternatives.

Vinegar

Not only is vinegar affordable but it's a non-toxic and easy-to-use degreaser as well as whitener. Simply add to laundry for softer clothing or use in combination with baking soda to create your own tile cleaner.

Borax

Chances are you have seen it sitting on the shelves when shopping; if you have never tried Borax, then pick up a box next time you are in the store. Borax is an all-natural cleaning product that whitens, deodorizes and scrubs. Sprinkle into laundry instead of bleach or mix with salt and baking soda for a powerful scrubbing agent.

Hydrogen Peroxide

This is the secret ingredient behind many of today's most popular oxygen-related products; not only does hydrogen peroxide clean and whiten, but it's also a great disinfectant. Keep peroxide on hand to rinse vegetables and pretreat stains before tossing laundry into the wash.

Linseed Oil

Keep furniture looking like new with pure linseed oil. It conditions and helps prevent damage to fine furniture without the use of expensive cleaners or harsh chemicals.



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