

CROWN LEDGE

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Ask the Realtor – Any tips for selling?

March is the start of spring and the Real Estate market starts warming up. Stay ahead of the competition with these suggestions to sell your home.

Remove clutter and clear off counters. Stow away most of your small decorative items. Remove out-ofseason clothing in your closet. Don't forget to clean out the garage, too.

Wash your windows and screens. This will help get more light into the interior of the home.

Keep everything extra clean. Wash fingerprints from light switch plates, mop and wax floors, and clean the stove and refrigerator. Polish your doorknobs and address numbers.

Get rid of smells. Clean carpeting and drapes to eliminate cooking odors, smoke, and pet smells. Open the windows to air out the house.

Brighten your rooms. Put higher wattage bulbs in light fixtures to brighten up rooms and basements. Replace any burned-out bulbs in closets. Clean the walls, or brush on a fresh coat of neutral color paint. Don't disregard minor repairs. Repair any holes in your driveway. Small problems such as sticky doors, torn screens, cracked caulking, or a dripping faucet may seem trivial, but they'll give buyers the impression that the house isn't well-maintained. Tidy your yard. Cut the grass, rake the leaves, add new mulch, trim the bushes, edge the walkways, and clean the gutters.

Add a touch of color in the living room. Buy new accent pillows for the sofa.

Make centerpieces for your tables. Use brightly colored fruit or flowers or set the table with fancy dishes and candles.

Make the bathrooms feel luxurious. Put away those old towels and toothbrushes. Add a new shower curtain and new towels. Make sure your personal toiletry items are out of sight.

Lock up valuables, jewelry, and money. While a real estate salesperson will be on site, it's impossible to watch everyone all the time.

Love to travel and cook? Do both!!

New England Inns and B&B's have some wonderful individual and small group cooking classes.

West Hill House B&B – Warren, VT

Cook your own dinner for two under the guidance of Chef John. Each class focuses on a menu from a specific region or genre. The package includes a two night stay at the B&B. (westhillbb.com)

Hartstone Inn and Hideaway - Camden, ME

Join Chef Michael Salmon for your cooking weekend in this 4 star historic Inn. Packages include dinner and a 2 night stay. (hartstoneinn.com)

The Manor on Golden Pond – Holderness, NH

You and 5 others will receive hands on training with a multi-course meal from Chef Jeff Woolley. Classes are prescheduled for the year, or request a custom private session. (manorongoldenpond.com)

The Inn at Weathersfield – Perkinsville, VT

Enter the converted hay loft for your hands-on seasonal cooking class hosted by guest chefs or resident Chef Michael Ehlenfeldt. The Inn also offers a 20% discount on lodging. (weathersfieldinn.com)

Vanderbilt Grace Hotel - Newport, R.I.

Located in downtown Newport, historic Vanderbilt Grace offers private cooking classes for the entire family. The classes are 2 to 4 hours long and start at \$100 pp. (gracehotels.com/Vanderbilt/bespoke)

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If you are considering buying or selling, let's work together and make it a realty reality. Linda Kadlik 978-870-5774 lindakadlikmoves@gmail.com