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New Year, New Home Goals for 2026

DID YOU KNOW?

January, the gateway to a new year, was named for the Roman god Janus (the Roman god of doors, gates, and transitions), who is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other looking into the future.

The start of a new year isn't just a time for personal resolutions — it's also the perfect opportunity to set fresh goals for your home. Here are some practical ways to get started:

1. **Review Your Home's Value** - The market is always shifting, so a quick check-in with me, your real estate pro, can give you an updated sense of value and equity — and help you plan your next move with confidence.
2. **Set a Savings Goal** - If you're considering a move, renovations, or even paying down your mortgage faster, now's the time to set clear savings goals. Break it down into monthly amounts to make big dreams more achievable.
3. **Plan Renovation Projects** - A new year often inspires change, so consider tackling one or two key home improvements. Focus on projects that boost value, like updating kitchens or bathrooms, or simple energy-efficient upgrades that save you money long term.
4. **Check Your Mortgage** - Interest rates and loan options can change. Reviewing your mortgage with a lender may uncover opportunities to refinance, lower payments, or pay off your loan faster.
5. **Create a Home Maintenance Calendar** - Stay ahead of costly repairs by mapping out seasonal maintenance tasks. From changing filters to scheduling gutter cleanings, having a calendar keeps your home in top shape all year.
6. **Explore Investment Opportunities** - If you've built equity or are considering growing your wealth, 2026 might be the year to branch into investment properties.
7. **Focus on Lifestyle Needs** - Your home should serve your life today — not just when you bought it. Take a moment to consider whether your space still fits your family, work-from-home needs, or lifestyle goals, and make a plan if it doesn't.

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Declutter & Organize: A Fresh Start for the New Year

A clutter-free home feels great to live in. Here are some practical steps to kick off your New Year's resolution to simplify, stage, and shine:

1. **Start Small** – Begin with one drawer, closet, or room to avoid overwhelm. Quick wins build momentum.
2. **Sort by Category** – Use the “keep, donate, toss” method to stay focused and make faster decisions.
3. **Clear Countertops** – In kitchens and bathrooms, less is more. Removing clutter from countertops instantly makes the room feel cleaner.
4. **Tackle the Closets** – Reducing your clothes by 30% can make a big difference. To potential buyers, overstuffed closets signal “not enough storage.”
5. **Declutter Décor** – Simplify shelves and surfaces. A few tasteful pieces look better than dozens of knick-knacks.
6. **Digitize Paperwork** – Scan old files, bills, and records. Fewer paper piles mean less visual stress.
7. **Organize Storage Areas** – Use labeled bins to keep things neat.
8. **Create “Drop Zones”** – Designate a space for coats, bags, and shoes so daily clutter doesn't take over.



Weird, But True!

In 1995, researchers discovered pigeons can distinguish between Picasso's abstract shapes and Monet's dreamy brushstrokes. In fact, they kept getting it right—even when shown paintings they had never seen before.



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