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### REVAMP YOUR PORCH

The exterior of your home reflects your individual style just as much as the interior. If you feel the need to give your porch a new look and feel, then check out the ideas below.

**Plants.** Bridge the gap between your front yard and porch area by introducing some natural elements. Install hanging planters on the roof of the porch and select beautiful greenery that trails down or add some flower boxes along the railings and plant colorful flowers or unique succulents.

**Color.** Adding a pop of color can really liven up your porch. Try painting the ceiling, railing, or front door or, if you aren't ready for a larger DIY project yet, consider purchasing some brightly colored pillows or throws for your patio furniture or large ceramic pots.

**Lighting.** Changing up your lighting on your porch can make a huge difference. Start small by wrapping lights around your railing or hanging café lights across the ceiling. If you're interested in a larger project, you can install a pendant light, rustic lanterns, decorative wall lights, or sconces.

**House number.** One of the easiest updates you can make to your porch area is switching out your house numbers. Some options to consider are modern, metal numbers, colored numbers that match your front door, a custom stained-glass plate, or a small mounted planter box with the numbers fixed to the front.

**Porch drapes.** Porch drapes are easy to install and are the perfect way to give your porch a little privacy and shade. Keep it simple with a nice white linen or spice it up with a color or pattern.

Want to share a way you enhanced your porch?  
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### Thinking About Selling?

#### MAKE YOUR HOUSE APPEAR CANINE-FREE

During the process of selling your home, your Realtor® will be hosting open houses and having potential buyers in for showings. To show your home in the very best light possible, you'll want to keep it spotless. As most pet owners know, this can be a little difficult with your furry ball of love running around the house. Here are our top tips to help keep your home neat and tidy.

- Keep your pet groomed. Take your pet to a professional groomer before you list and keep regular appointments. Then, in between, brush them daily outside to keep as much unwanted shedding off your carpet and furniture as possible.
- Fill scratch marks. Do your best to cover up and fill any scratch marks from pet nails. Paint over marks on walls, doors, and window sills and try using sandpaper and wood polish to buff out any on your wooden floors.
- Clean grout and trimming. Even if you have tile floors that are mostly resistant to pet accidents, the grout in between is not. Take time to scrub those porous areas that may hold on to stains. Additionally, deep clean your baseboards where small pet hairs love to accumulate.
- Cover your furniture. Although it may be a little unsightly temporarily, consider covering your couches and chairs with blankets. This will limit the amount of cleaning you will need to do before an open house or showing. Just remove the cover and give them a quick vacuum.
- Dispel pet odors. Try using an air purifier or odor-absorbing charcoal to remove any unwelcoming smells prior to inviting prospective buyers into your home.
- Also, if possible, the best thing to do is remove your pet(s) from the home during showings.

If you are wanting to sell and need help in knowing what to do to get your home ready, I provide all the tips as part of listing with me!

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### City of Abilene - Map Information

Below is a link to the GIS Portal (Geographical Information System) for the City of Abilene.

<https://gis.abilenetx.com/portal/home/index.html>

This Portal has a lot of information that is useful when making a home purchase in Abilene. It is also interesting to explore if you already own a home in Abilene and you want to get information about your property.

You can do the following by clicking on the map:

- Parcel Information
  - By clicking on this section, you can look up your Abilene address and find your Taylor County Parcel ID, Subdivision Name, Lot and Block information by just clicking inside the outline of your property.
  - Inside the dialog box, there is a link under "more info" that will bring you to the Taylor County Tax Assessor website and all the tax information for your property.
- Water Reader
  - Using this section will allow you to see where the water and sewer lines run in the city (on easements and streets only, not your personal property). It also shows you the direction of the sewer flow.
  - Shows the placement of fire hydrants in the city.
- Flood Viewer
  - Shows the flood zones in Taylor County.
  - Shows creeks and lakes.
- Planning and Zoning
  - By clicking on your property, a dialog box will pop up. The dialog box has two pages of info. The second page will show your Zoning District, Zoning Classification and Zoning Description.
- Abilene, Tx Historical Markers
  - This is a map that shows the location of all 68 Historical Markers that are in Taylor County.
- Abilene Demographics and Tapestry
  - This section shows the demographics and make up of Abilene.
- Boundaries and Precinct Web App
  - This section offers the ability to pinpoint where the Taylor County line is located in relation to your property.
  - You can find which Precinct you are located in within Taylor County.
- Abilene Airspace Clearance Project
  - This section shows airspace/surface clearance and airspace noise contours for the Abilene Regional Airport.

If you happen to live outside of Abilene and Taylor County, check on your towns/county's website and see what they offer. You may be intrigued and astonished at the information that is available for viewing.



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