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Real Estate Trends

Buying or selling a home is a plan to do something. The surest way to have life laugh at you is to make plans. My very good friend, Chris Berg with Cardinal Financial Lending (503-320-0925, chris.berg@cardinalfinancial.com), and I came up with a tongue-in-cheek list of things NOT to do when buying or selling a home. What's *not* funny is that many of these things have happened!

- 1. DON'T buy a car or co-sign for one
- 2. DON'T apply for credit
- 3. DON'T close any credit accounts
- 4. DON'T transfer money into or between accounts
- 5. DON'T deposit cash (we will need receipts)
- 6. DON'T quit your job
- 7. DON'T stop paying your bills on time
- 8. DON'T put items on layaway
- 9. DON'T do 'same as cash' financing
- 10. DON'T buy a major appliance
- 11. DON'T remove or add a person to your accounts
- 12. DON'T decrease your work hours
- 13. DON'T LIE TO YOUR LENDER
- 14. DON'T assume you can get away with something (we will find out... it's our job)
- 15. DON'T try to go around your agent by talking with the seller directly
- 16. DON'T threaten your future neighbors
- 17. DON'T start moving in before closing
- 18. DON'T neglect to file your taxes
- 19. DON'T file for divorce or legal separation
- 20. DON'T change your name
- 21. DON'T have a garage sale and deposit the cash (see #5)
- 22. DON'T patrol the property you made an offer on and threaten/harass other buyers
- 23. DON'T switch banks or open new accounts
- 24. DON'T buy an airplane
- 25. DON'T schedule elective surgery
- 26. DON'T allow anyone to pull your credit
- 27. DON'T LIE TO YOUR REAL ESTATE AGENT
 28. DON'T assume you will understand
- closing paperwork
- 29. DON'T assume the figures at approval will be the same at closing
- 30. DON'T pay your earnest money with CASH!31. DON'T spend your down payment on furniture,
- or to go hunting 32. DON'T lose your earnest money on a bet, even if
- it seems like a 'sure thing'
- 33. DON'T open a business34. DON'T file bankruptcy
- 54. DON'T rate amount
- 35. DON'T get arrested
- 36. DON'T try to re-negotiate terms at closing.
- DON'T try to make repairs (or decorate/paint) before closing
- 38. DON'T try to bribe the appraiser (please don't!)

COMFORT AND SOPHISTICATION ON THE RIVER!

any homes on the market brag about the views, but this lovingly built custom dream home on Green Mountain in Kalama has earned its bragging rights. The magnificent Columbia River is a sight to behold from nearly every room, not to mention the sweeping deck and lower patio. You can watch boats going by on the river, be awestruck by glorious sunsets, and gaze at the evening city lights in the distance. With the one level floorplan, all of the living areas in this spacious home are accessible to residents and guests of all ages and abilities. Set on two acres, the surroundings feel private and rural, but with friendly neighborhood block parties and nearby access to services and I-5, the setting is minutes from Vancouver.

This home was meticulously planned for the comforts of living and sophisticated entertaining. The long, paved driveway and large parking pad with plenty of turn around space can accommodate the vehicles of a large household or gathering of guests. The professional landscaping around the property is neat and tidy with many possibilities for a fresh design or a garden.

The Main entry door opens to a large foyer and welcoming family room with gleaming hardwood floors, tall ceilings, and floor to ceiling windows with French doors opening onto the expansive deck. The family room and den are connected by a cozy see-through inset fireplace with a hearth on both sides. Movies and music can be shared throughout the family room, den, kitchen, and deck with surround sound ceiling speakers.

Off the family room, a gorgeous kitchen awaits, also with the same incredible view and deck access. A large island and eat-in area creates a space for cooking, gathering, casual breakfasts and entertaining. Other special features include slab granite counters, soft close drawers and cabinets, Bosch appliances, convection oven with cooking probe, induction stovetop, a Samsung refrigerator, wine cooler and butler's pantry with ample storage.

Residents of the Master suite get the luxurious experience of heated floors as well as accessibility of a curbless shower and oversized soaking tub. The Master closet is a convenient walk-through design. All three bedrooms have Hunter ceiling fans for enhanced air circulation and temperature comfort. There is also central vac throughout the home for ease of function and efficiency.

Finer features of this home include white painted millwork, wainscoting, and crown molding in common living areas. Storage options include an oversized garage and tall, walk-in basement storage room.

Come see for yourself. Your new home awaits on Green Mountain!

If you are interested in a personal showing of this property, please contact Charline Wright at 360-624-7777. Columbia River Realty ERA Powered.

- 39. DON'T burn, remove, or cut down trees/brush at the home you are in process of buying
- 40. DON'T write bad checks
- 41. DON'T accept a new job out of state
- 42. DON'T break into the home you are buying
- 43. DON'T do the "would you like to apply for our card to save 15%-25% off your purchase"? See #2 & #31
- 44. DON'T get married
- 45. DON'T allow renters to move into the home you are selling or buying
- 46. DON'T let your ID expire
- 47. DON'T cash out your retirement
- 48. DON'T decide not to move to Oregon/ Washington due to Mount St. Helens
- 49. DON'T hide important financial information like hidden accounts, liens, etc. (we will find out)

Questions? Ask your agent, ask your lender. Remember that we work for you. If you aren't sure about something, ask. It is always better to be up front about any concerns or issues you have so that we can deal with them now rather than try to play catch up later! When in doubt. DON'T!



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It's Only Natural

Nature is making its way into the homes we live in and those we stage to sell as a major trend for 2021. Living through the pandemic gave most of us a new perspective on what gives us comfort and reflects the new kind of luxury we expect in our lives.

New combinations of classic and modern design elements are helping us to bring the outdoors inside so that nature can be present in any room. Connecting with nature means that we use greenery and earthy materials to offer a natural earth tone palette that helps to ground us at home.

We expect art in our gardens and so many items throughout the homes I have staged in 2021 are offering artful lighting throughout the entire home. The mixing of material finishes in the lighting fixtures bring art forms into our homes that mimic the outdoors. The finishes on these fixtures include many kinds of metals. Think of lighting like a piece of jewelry. The right light finishes the room.

Natural walls are being created as accents. These walls are made from wood or have wallpaper to reflect an artful presence. Choosing a natural element for a wall accent should reflect the style of home. Wood is always a winning choice, because it can be left raw and unstained or it can be finished to look like a museum piece. Flooring gives yet another opportunity to mimic nature as do the ceilings by adding wood like a beam or beams. Remember to mix and match. Wood can be reclaimed and refinished and will be a sustainable item within the home that can last forever.

Bringing nature into our homes isn't a new concept; however, it can be a game changer. If you bring nature into the bedroom, you might want to consider adding organic sheets. Having something like birds or plants in the design will also help nature play the role that we are attempting to achieve in 2021.

When you consider natural elements in the bathroom, it's important to connect water and warmth found in the space to help transport mind and body to serenity. Natural materials are always welcome in a bathroom space. The walls and lighting are an important reflection of the environment used and can create a one-of-a-kind bathing experience.

As you get a better idea about the various ways you can incorporate nature's beauty into your home, you'll be amazed at the amount of recycled and reclaimed products

available. Once you start looking for these items at your local building supplier, you will be noticing them available for sale everywhere.

> Dianne Morris is a real estate professional and specializes in the home staging industry for her listings.

Dianne Morris Real Estate Broker

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When you get to the point of adding some greenery or plants, be certain to consider live plants. There are many low-maintenance plants that bring the designer look to a finished space. If plants are not a consideration, be sure to place a bouquet of fresh-cut flowers or even a collection of large leaves in a vase.

Natural light should also be an element of the design of any room. Natural daylight brings any room alive and makes colors pop that are found within the renewed and recreated natural spaces of a home.

If you need some inspiration, take a walk through your local garden center and see how nature brings colors together. The different shades of green and the shapes of the leaves of the different plants are just waiting for us to mimic their design.

Call me at 360.635.1121 or email DianneMorrisHomes@gmail.com to learn more about how to let nature into your home to help you stage your home to list.



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- Upstairs, discover a loft and four additional bedrooms, including a lavish owner's suite featuring a tray ceiling, dual walk-in closets and a deluxe bath.
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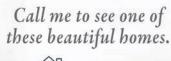
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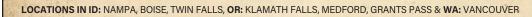
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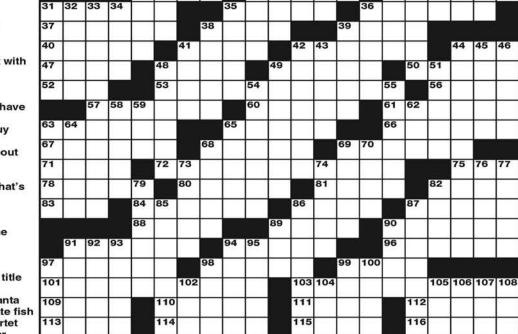
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