Remodels FOR AGING IN PLACE

WHAT HELPS & WHAT HURTS YOUR HOME'S VALUE

Considering updates to make your home more livable as you age?

Some renovations can boost comfort, safety, independence and resale potential—while others may unintentionally turn buyers away. Know the difference before you invest. Here's what to keep in mind:

MODIFICATIONS THAT CAN HELP HOME VALUE

- Walk-in showers with modern tile – safer and more stylish for all ages
- Widened doorways (at least 36") and hallways (at least 48")
- Lever-style door handles – easier to use and more elegant than knobs
- First-floor bedroom – in high demand with today's buyers
- Non-slip flooring and improved lighting – simple but significant
- Zero-step entrances
- Hands-free faucets
- Pull-out drawers instead of deep cabinets
- Automated window shades
- Smart lighting systems – LED bulbs, rocker switches, smartphone control

Even upgrades that add value can be costly. Always weigh ROI before committing.

MODIFICATIONS THAT CAN HURT RESALE APPEAL

- Clinical-looking features – large grab bars, stair lifts, push bars, etc.
- Walk-in bathtubs – often expensive and less desirable to most buyers
- Removing all bathtubs – most buyers still want at least one
- Converting two bedrooms into one – reduces perceived value
- DIY accessibility modifications – may raise safety or code concerns
- Permanent exterior ramps without aesthetic integration

BLEND FUNCTION & DESIGN

Accessibility can be stylish. Thoughtful remodels enhance daily living and protect your home's market appeal.

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