

10 HOME UPDATES THAT GIVE YOU THE BIGGEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

Improvement	Avg. Cost	Avg. Resale Value Gained	ROI %	Why It Works
Fresh Interior Paint (Neutral tones)	\$2,000	\$4,000	200%	Increases light, appeal & sense of space.
New Carpet or Refinish Wood Floors	\$3,000–\$5,000	\$5,000–\$6,000	105–120%	Buyers prefer clean, modern floors.
Deep Cleaning + Staging	\$500–\$2,000	\$2,000–\$4,000	150–400%	First impressions sell homes faster.
Landscaping (Basic Curb Appeal Boost)	\$1,500	\$3,000	200%	Front yard creates instant emotional response.
Garage Door Replacement	\$4,500	\$4,000	93%	High visual ROI for curb appeal.
Minor Kitchen Updates (Paint cabs, hardware, lights)	\$5,000	\$6,000–\$7,000	90–100%	Makes the space feel updated without full remodel.
Front Door Replacement (Steel or Fiberglass)	\$2,200	\$1,900–\$2,000	88–96%	Strong first impression + security boost.
New Light Fixtures or Faucets	\$500–\$1,500	\$1,500–\$2,000	100–150%	Modern fixtures = perceived value bump.
Attic Insulation (Fiberglass)	\$2,100	\$2,000	95%	Energy-efficient upgrades appeal to smart buyers.
Bathroom Touchups (caulk, vanity, mirror)	\$1,500	\$2,500–\$3,000	110–130%	Small updates = fresh feel.

National data based on 2024 Cost vs. Value Report by Remodeling Magazine and the 2025 Remodeling Impact Report by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR)