

Buy New or Stay and Renovate?

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You've been in your home for a while now, and it is starting to feel old. Boring. Maybe even outdated. Perhaps your family is changing and your once perfectly sized house feels cramped. Possibly the quaint layout your once enjoyed now seems like a poor design choice. Clearly it is time for a change, but what does that mean for you?

At this point you could hire a realtor, get a "For Sale" sign, and start looking for something new. Or, you could keep your home and give it a makeover.

The main argument for moving would be that you aren't fond of your neighbourhood. If there is a better place for you, then maybe you should move. Live in a place that makes you happy. A place that suits your lifestyle. That is the first thought you should have and then, by all means, please invest your money in a home that is better for you.

If, on the other hand, you love your location, why change that? You can get a better house without leaving. Changing small things like the windows or flooring can bring new life to a home. A kitchen, basement, or bathroom renovation can modernize your home and make it more inviting. Or, you can think big and change the whole floor plan.

The first argument people have against renovating is that it costs too much. The reality is, it is a big investment, but so is moving. And when you are moving there are other costs that add up which aren't included in the original quote, like hiring movers, realtor fees, and any time you have between selling and buying. Furthermore, if you move you may still end up renovating. Your new house may be amazing, but not yet perfect.

Another aspect some people forget to factor in is the emotional cost. Moving, especially changing neighbourhoods, can take a toll on a family. Depending on how long you have been in your current home, you may have some of your best memories invested in your current home. Moving could force your children to change schools and you'll have to leave your favourite neighbours. On top of that, moving in general, is a stressful event.

If the reason you are moving is because you don't like your house, then you're moving for the wrong reasons. Change your house, not your life. With a good renovation company, anything is possible. We can give you a chef's kitchen, a spa-like ensuite, the comfiest of bedrooms, a family room made for the best of parties, an outdoor living space that will make you want to stay outside all year long, and a basement catered specifically to your lifestyle. You don't need to move to get the home of your dreams. Check out these before and after shots that prove our point:









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