



Seasonal Home Makeovers on a Budget

After a hectic spring, summer always feels like a great time to freshen up the look of our homes. After an especially long and treacherous winter, it's fun to open up the windows and make a few changes. That's why I'm pleased to have interior designer Deborah Carducci of [Carducci Design Group, Inc.](#) with us, who shared some great tips on treating your home to a seasonal makeover:

There are many ways to add color and style to your home without breaking the bank. Begin with one room by clearing away all of your accessories, tabletop surfaces, pillows, and throws, and stow them away until fall. Now you have a clean palette to begin with.

- Buy a new white or linen throw for those cool summer nights.
- Purchase some new pillows or pillow inserts in bright, sunny colors. Switch to a nice linen or cotton fabric to reflect the summer with lighter, brighter colors.
- Clear off the coffee table and mantle. But before you hit the stores for new accessories, do a little shopping in your own home. Check out the china cabinet and see what cool pieces you already have. Colored glass and crystal are always fun for this season.
- "Swap" your accessories. Have a little fun and rotate accessories from room to room.

In this issue, we're pleased to share top tips from interior designer Deborah Carducci on sprucing up your interior design for summer, our free mobile application for house hunters, and more.



We're excited to announce that Leslie now has a regular real estate column in the *MetroWest Daily News*! Watch for her in the Friday real estate section, where she covers real estate marketing, home selling tips, environmentally-friendly homes, affordable housing, home buyer tips, and more.

She also answers readers' questions on a wide range of real estate topics in her blog *MetroWest Daily News* blog "On the Move".



You can follow her online at <http://blogs.wickedlocal.com/onthemove>.

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- Freshen up the room with new lampshades, or go to the local craft store for some great trimmings for the edge of the shade.
- Be creative! Shop for accessories in every department of your favorite store. Even when decorating your living room you may find great containers or accessories in the bath department. Have fun!

For more interior design advice, you can reach Deborah Carducci at 508-816-3476 or debcarducci@verizon.net.



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