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It's always the little things that make a difference.



Picks and Tips from Mike the Locksmith

From the World of Mike-the-Locksmith

... and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." - Lao Tzu

Spring is almost here!
The housing market soon enters



the spring home-selling season, and it's about to get busier at Mike's Locksmith. With that in mind, I'm featuring an article entitled "7 Things to Do Before You Move Into Your New House". If you're in the real estate industry, please feel free to share this newsletter with your clients.

Also in this issue: "Plants Help Purify Indoor Air", an infographic from NASA

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7 Things to Do Before You Move Into a New House

Moving into a new home? According to [Houzz](#), here's a list of things to be done before you move in.

1. **Change the locks on the exterior doors.** Or, have your exterior doors re-keyed, as soon as the closing is over and you've gotten the keys to your house. At Mike's Locksmith, we can make recommendations on how to improve your family's safety in your new home. Who knows who might have keys to your place?
2. **Get the house cleaned up.** While many folks will leave the house clean for you, some won't. Even if they do, you'll want to clean everything for yourself
3. **Paint all the walls and ceilings.** This can be really time consuming, so you'll probably want to hire professionals if you can.
4. **Get some organizers.** Get the closets outfitted to accommodate everything, to make moving in less stressful and your life in the new house more enjoyable.
5. **Install new switch plates and other devices.** Many older houses, especially those that have undergone a series of renovations, will have mismatched outlets, dirty and discolored cover plates, and

rusted or damaged air vent covers

6. **Have the mechanical equipment cleaned and serviced.** Do this as soon as you buy the house. Getting the heating and cooling systems cleaned and other routine tasks done is important.
7. **Install window treatments.** You'll want to get some something on your windows - both for privacy and that finishing touch.

From the [Hearty Soul](#):

THE NASA Guide TO Air-filtering Houseplants

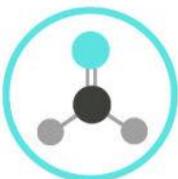
It won't surprise you to hear that the majority of people spend the bulk of their time indoors, whether it's at home or working in an office environment. As such, it's important to ensure that air quality is of a high standard, something that regular houseplants can help achieve. Back in 1989, NASA conducted a Clean Air Study in association with Associated Landscape Contractors of America, in an effort to find the most effective common indoor plants for filtering harmful toxins and pollutants from the air. Their results have stood the test of time, and the most effective air filtering plants can be found below.

WHAT'S IN OUR AIR?



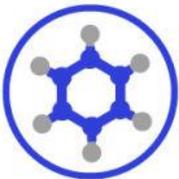
TRICHLOROETHYLENE

Found in printing inks, paints, lacquers, varnishes, adhesives and paint remover/stripper.



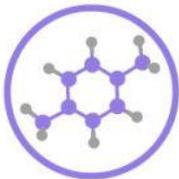
FORMALDEHYDE

Found in paper bags, waxed papers, facial tissues, paper towels, table napkins, particle board, plywood panelling, and synthetic fabrics.



BENZENE

Used to make plastics, resins, synthetic fibres, rubber lubricants, dyes, detergents, drugs and pesticides. Can also be found in tobacco smoke, vehicle exhausts, glue, paint and furniture wax.



XYLENE

Found in printing, rubber, leather and paint industries, tobacco smoke and vehicle exhausts.



AMMONIA

Found in window cleaners, floor waxes, smelling salts and fertilizers.

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS ON HUMANS?

Like most chemicals, the adverse health effects you may encounter depend on several factors, including the amount to which you are exposed, the way you are exposed, the duration of exposure and the form of the chemical. Below are common symptoms associated with each toxic agent.



TRICHLOROETHYLENE

Symptoms associated with short term exposure include excitement, dizziness, headache, nausea and vomiting.



XYLENE

Symptoms associated with short term exposure include irritation to mouth and throat, dizziness, headache,

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