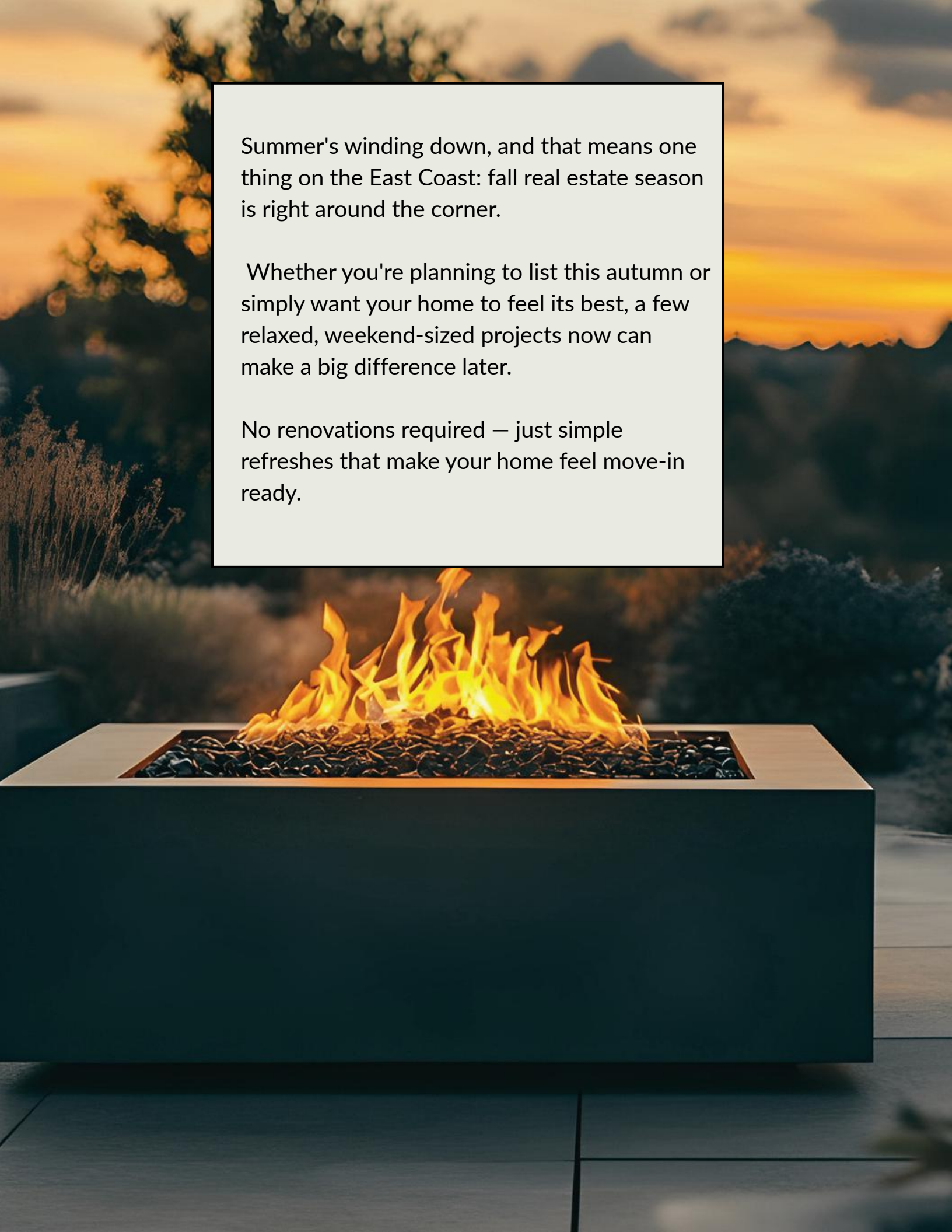




THE END OF SUMMER HOME REFRESH GUIDE

CHECKLISTS, TIPS AND SIMPLE PROJECTS TO GET YOUR
HOME FALL-READY BEFORE THE SEASON CHANGES!

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A modern outdoor fire pit with a fire burning inside, set against a backdrop of a sunset over a mountain range. The fire pit is a dark, rectangular box with a lighter-colored top rim. Inside, there's a bed of dark stones and a fire with bright orange and yellow flames. The background shows a sunset with warm orange and yellow hues in the sky, and dark silhouettes of trees and mountains in the distance.

Summer's winding down, and that means one thing on the East Coast: fall real estate season is right around the corner.

Whether you're planning to list this autumn or simply want your home to feel its best, a few relaxed, weekend-sized projects now can make a big difference later.

No renovations required — just simple refreshes that make your home feel move-in ready.



**LIFE TRULY BEGINS ONLY
AFTER YOU HAVE PUT
YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER**

- Marie Kondo

A wooden rack with several light-colored towels hanging from it. To the left, a potted plant with long, green, spiky leaves sits in a terracotta pot. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

SPEEDS UP SALE

FEELS LIKE HOME

**PREVENTS
DAMAGE**

WHY REFRESH

**BOOSTS CURB
APPEAL**

**ATTRACTS
BUYERS**

ADDS VALUE

QUICK WINS

A few easy, low-cost projects that make a big difference before fall showings.



CURB APPEAL

Trim overgrown greenery and refresh mulch beds near the entryway.



DECLUTTER

Clear kitchen and bathroom counters down to the essentials.



PATIO REFRESH

Deep clean furniture and cushions before storing them for the season.



SERVICE FURNACE

Have your heat pump or furnace serviced ahead of the cooler months.



CLEAN GUTTERS

Clear gutters and downspouts before fall leaves start falling.



TEST DETECTORS

Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries.



CHECKLIST BY AREA

Time to refresh each area of your home before fall arrives. Whether you start outside with curb appeal or work room by room indoors, set realistic expectations and tackle one task at a time. Use the checklists on the following pages to make sure nothing gets missed.





**HAVE NOTHING IN YOUR
HOUSE THAT YOU DO
NOT KNOW TO BE
BEAUTIFUL OR BELIEVE
TO BE USEFUL.**

- William Morris

CURB APPEAL

- ☐ TRIM OVERGROWN GREENERY
- ☐ REFRESH MULCH BEDS
- ☐ SWEEP WALKWAYS AND DRIVEWAY
- ☐ POWER-WASH SIDING OR STEPS
- ☐ ADD FALL-FRIENDLY POTTED PLANTS
- ☐ TOUCH UP FRONT DOOR PAINT
- ☐ CLEAN HOUSE NUMBERS
- ☐ CLEAN MAILBOX
- ☐ CLEAN LIGHT FIXTURES
- ☐ WASH FRONT WINDOWS



REFRESH

- ☐ **PACK AWAY OUT-OF-SEASON ITEMS**
- ☐ **CLEAR KITCHEN AND BATH COUNTERS**
- ☐ **DONATE OR STORE UNUSED ITEMS**
- ☐ **SWAP IN WARMER-TONED LINENS**
- ☐ **EDIT CLOSETS ROOM BY ROOM**
- ☐ **GIVE FLOORS A GOOD CLEAN**
- ☐ **WIPE DOWN MIRRORS AND SINKS**
- ☐ **ORGANIZE THE MEDICINE CABINET**

PATIO and OUTSIDE

- ☐ DEEP CLEAN FURNITURE AND CUSHIONS
- ☐ PRESSURE-WASH THE DECK OR PATIO
- ☐ CLEAN AND COVER THE BBQ
- ☐ ADD COZY OUTDOOR LIGHTING
- ☐ INSPECT FENCING AND RAILINGS
- ☐ WIPE DOWN OUTDOOR RUGS
- ☐ CHECK STAIRS FOR SMALL REPAIRS



FALL-READY

- REPLACE BURNT-OUT LIGHTBULBS
- PATCH SMALL NAIL HOLES OR SCUFFS
- SERVICE THE HEAT PUMP OR FURNACE
- CLEAN GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS
- TEST SMOKE AND CO DETECTORS
- REPLACE DETECTOR BATTERIES

STORAGE + LAUNDRY

- **WIPE DOWN WASHER AND DRYER EXTERIOR**
- **CLEAN OUT THE DRYER LINT TRAP**
- **ORGANIZE LAUNDRY AND STORAGE SHELVES**
- **DONATE OR PACK AWAY OFF-SEASON ITEMS**



YARD + EXTERIOR

- ☐ SWEEP WALKWAYS AND CLEAN THE DOORMAT
- ☐ CHECK ON PLANTS AND REFRESH CONTAINERS
- ☐ WASH THE DRIVEWAY AND TREAT MILDEW
- ☐ CHECK FOR DAMAGED OUTDOOR LIGHTS

30-DAY FALL PREP

fall ready

1 Trim shrubs and hedges.	2 Pack away summer clothes.	3 Clean out medicine cabinet.	4 Sort through closet items.	5 Wipe down small appliances.	6 Wash and vacuum the car.
7 Wash the porch and steps.	8 Clean patio furniture and cushions.	9 Wipe down counters.	10 Organize the front closet.	11 Service the heat pump.	12 Dust ceiling fans and vents.
14 Deep clean fridge.	15 Organize kitchen cabinets.	16 Wash household linens.	17 Organize dresser drawers.	18 Clean the oven.	19 Clean windows and walls.
20 Wash bath towels and mats.	21 Deep clean dishwasher.	22 Vacuum furniture + baseboards.	23 Organize the garage.	24 Wash drapes and blinds.	25 Flip and clean mattress.
26 Toss expired pantry items.	27 Have kids tidy their rooms.	28 Clean under the kitchen sink.	29 Sanitize trash and recycling bins.	30 Mop floors and vacuum carpets.	31 Clean gutters and downspouts.



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WANT TO BROWSE HRM LISTINGS?
WANT TO GET IN TOUCH?

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