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### Feng Shui and Home Staging

IT IS BELIEVED in the schools of Feng Shui that the space from the outside entering the house to the inside is the ming tang, meaning "bright place." It is the place where the more active Yang energy of the outside world is transformed into the quieter Yin energy indoors. Having said this, when you are selling a home or considering buying a home think how the space "feels" when you enter the main entrance. Pause and study the layout of the room and the "flow" of how you go from room to room. If you are selling the property remove as much clutter as possible to clear the energy in the space. Keep the front entrance clear of any busy pots or plants so there is plenty of free room to open the front door and step into the home.

Another technique to clear energy is to air out the house, especially when the cooler weather is upon us. We forget that the odor of foods, our pets and dirty laundry can be present in our environment. Clean the home, top to bottom, including baseboards and windows and dust down the shutters and blinds. After this has been done, place some Lavender oil or Geranium oil (available at Whole Foods) and either dilute it in purified water and mist in the rooms, or else just pour it over a potpourri dish so that the fragrance diffuses throughout the house, especially in the bedrooms and bathrooms. (Tip: during the flu season purchase some Eucalyptus oil, place a few drops on the bottom of your shower and allow the steam from the shower to rise up into your nostrils.)

If your bedding/duvet covers are getting tired, replace them in coordinating colors to your walls and keep things in your closet off the floor. You can easily find shoe racks almost anywhere like Wal-Mart or Linens and Things. I have seen clients who have stored photo albums, appliances and bedding on their walk-in closet floors! Remember, clutter is like stagnant energy. If you have an extensive collection of books, be sure to arrange the shelves in a way to allow the books to "breathe." Arrange them both vertically and horizontally or just place a few books on the shelf instead of jamming them together. (This also applies to clothes in our closets.)

If you live with stark white walls and few pieces of art, consider painting accent walls or else placing large colorful paintings on your walls. This will warm up your space and help it to become more inviting for prospective buyers/owners.

Most of all, love and honor your house and bless it so another wonderful family, couple, or single person will find it and love it just as much.