

Private Vacation Rentals

If you're planning on renting someone's private residence for a summer getaway, there are certain precautions you should take to help ensure a safe and pleasant experience for everyone. For starters, make sure your arrangements are through a reputable third-party agency that protects your personal information. Also, be sure to enter into a proper contract. You may be able to include a cancellation clause, and you will likely have safeguards against consumer dissatisfaction. For example, if the property you book is not as described, or is lacking in function, amenities or nearby facilities, you may have recourse for compensation.

On the other hand, if you are a homeowner who wants to create income by offering your house to guests, a legitimate agency acting on your behalf will help protect the integrity of your property and its contents. An agency can also help you understand critical bylaws and insurance responsibilities, and may also employ screening protocols to provide a layer of security to help prevent unwanted outcomes.



Identifying Needs of New Buyers

Although many real-estate purchase decisions are affected directly by fluctuating factors out of the buyer's or seller's control, such as interest rates and commuting costs, there are other considerations that will also weigh into many buyers' decisions. These factors go beyond the buyers' core needs for location, size and relatively good repair. This means that homeowners determined to improve the resale value of their property need to be mindful of how renovations will attract potential buyers in competitive market situations. For example, wireless security is known to be a high priority for new buyers, as are energy-efficient HVAC systems and ever-popular kitchen and laundry appliances and bathroom upgrades.

This is not surprising when you think of how these comforts and conveniences can help ease the burden of young growing families pressed for time and budgetary efficiencies. Younger homebuyers are less likely to have additional resources to finance expensive renovations, especially if their savings are dedicated to investing in as much real estate value as they can afford in their final offer to purchase. Current homeowners looking to improve on their property's future value can benefit from data about such buyer profiles and trending preferences. If you'd like more specific information, let's have a chat.

Controlling Lawn & Garden Pests

To make the most of your outdoor space this summer, you may need to take steps to control the pests that populate your lawn and/or garden. While some invasive species might affect the health of your plants, others may prevent you from being outdoors at all. If you are bothered by specific insects, it's important to know what is attracting them, and also what habitat is supporting their population. For example, bees are great pollinators, but too many can be troublesome. Sometimes it helps to ensure that certain flowers are moved away from your seating area.

It's also wise to survey your property, in case there's a nearby beehive or wasp nest that needs professional removal. At the very least, ensuring your yard is tidy and not overgrown will keep unwanted insects and other potential vermin from breeding nearby. Rotting timber or debris should be removed, and standing water should always be tipped or drained, as it provides the perfect hatching environment for mosquito eggs. Of course, there are also many electronic and chemical solutions for pest control, but you should first ask at your garden centre about effective treatments that are environmentally friendly.

