

Top 12 Apps

for Homeowners and Renters

The average person checks their smartphone 46 times a day, with people under the age of 24 checking it an average of 74 times a day.¹ Smartphones are not only a useful tool for communication. With the following apps, you can get organized (*whether you plan to buy or sell*), save money, learn about the homes in your neighborhood and get inspired for your next renovation project.

Apps For Homeowners: Get Renovation Inspiration

These apps not only offer ideas for your next remodel or home décor project, some of them even give you a preview of what your home may look like once it's finished.

1 Houzz

The Houzz app is the number one app for home design and it's no wonder; the app gives you access to all the inspiration, blogs and design ideas from the Houzz site on your phone or tablet. The app features View in My Room 3D, which allows you to view products in your home before you buy. Whether you're gathering ideas for your next renovation and décor project or you're just browsing, the Houzz app will satisfy all your design needs.



2 iHandy Carpenter

Make sure the photos, shelves, mirrors and other artwork you hang are even and aligned with this helpful app. It's an all-in-one tool kit that features a plumb bob, surface level, bubble level bar, ruler and protractor. No need to purchase these tools separately; just hold your smartphone up to the wall and the app will take care of the rest.



3 Handyman Calculator

When you need to do more than measure the size of a room, the Handyman Calculator will also calculate the cost of materials, amount of time spent on a project and more. Track your time, create a to-do list and save all of your calculations to the app's notepad. You'll store all of the information you need in one place—your smartphone.



Apps For Sellers: List & Sell Your Home Quickly

Are you a homeowner who is thinking of selling? If you're preparing to sell, you know there are a lot of tasks to complete before putting your home on the market. These apps help you manage your to-dos so you can list and sell your home more efficiently with fewer distractions.

4 DocuSign

Use the DocuSign app to complete approvals and agreements in hours—not days—from anywhere and on any device. The benefit to using the app (*over your desktop computer*) is you will receive push notifications when a document is waiting for your signature and you can view and organize all your docs on-the-go. You can receive and sign documents for free, but will need a paid account to send documents; pricing starts at \$10 a month.



5 Wunderlist

Wunderlist is a well-designed to-do list and task management program that makes it easy to create a list and add tasks, due dates and reminders. Organize your ideas or focus into separate lists or create tasks within one list. You can also email them with whomever you collaborate, such as a spouse or your real estate agent.



6 Real Estate Dictionary

Not sure what all those industry specific terms mean? Search thousands of words and phrases from real estate, mortgage, and financial dictionaries for clear, in-depth definitions. This is a handy app for anyone who's buying or selling and wants to learn more about the process.



Apps For Renters: Get Ready to Buy

Not ready to buy a home just yet? These apps will help you get into the perfect rental while you save money, build a budget and get on track for homeownership.

7 Mint

Do you know where your money goes each month? Manage your bills, budget and credit score all in one place. Mint is a free app that helps you view your complete financial picture and track your spending. We recommend this app to anyone, but it's especially useful for renters who need to crack down on their spending in order to save for a down payment.



8 Mylo

Mylo makes it easy to turn spare change into investments. Simply link your cards and the app will round up your purchase and put the loose change into your Mylo account, where it'll be automatically invested. The app uses the same security measures that all major Canadian banks also use, so you can rest easy that your money is safe. Although it's currently only available for iOS, the app is in development for Android devices.



9 Credit Karma Canada

If you're preparing to buy, boosting your credit score is likely a goal you've set. Credit Karma is a free app that allows you to safely monitor your score and receive updates on ways you can improve it over time. The company recently launched a beta version of its successful program in Canada. It provides financial calculators and educational articles to help you better understand what credit is all about. Check as often as you want, and it doesn't hurt your score.



Apps for Buyers: Find the Perfect Home

When you're ready to buy, there are several apps that can help you stay on top of the process. Whether you're browsing online at different neighborhoods and homes and can't seem to remember where all your saved data and information went or you want to save an important task or a neighborhood or listing clipped from the Web, these apps help you keep it all straight.

10 AroundMe

Discover what's located around the homes you're interested in. The AroundMe app allows you to search for restaurants, gas stations, movie theaters, banks and more near your location. Open the app when you're viewing a home and see what's nearby.



11 Evernote

Collect ideas, notes and images in one place to access later on your computer, tablet or smartphone. Categorize your notes so you can find them quickly and easily and share them with others in a group notebook. Whether you're collecting research on a business idea or you're looking for inspiration for a home renovation, Evernote can help you keep it all together.



12 Canadian Mortgage App

Although there are many free mortgage calculators available for download, this app from CMHC will help you assess the monthly payment, closing costs, the maximum loan and more of the homes you're interested in. These numbers should be used as a guide, work with your agent and mortgage professional to learn exactly what type of loan you'll qualify for.



Ready to move beyond the app?

If you're thinking of buying or selling your home, or know someone who is, keep us in mind because we're happy to help!

Name:

Company:

Phone:

Email: