

The Ultimate Home Seller's Guide

Everything You Need to Sell Your Home Faster & For The Most Money



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Hello, Neighbor!

Selling your home is one of the biggest moves you'll ever make - and it's not just about property, it's about your future, your family, and your financial goals.

As a trusted Realtor here in West Michigan, and also an experienced real estate investor and wholesaler, I've helped homeowners from all walks of life sell their homes quickly and for top dollar.

This guide is my personal gift to you. Inside, you'll find the proven strategies, insider insights, and step-by-step plans that I've used to help homeowners throughout Grand Rapids and beyond get the results they want — without the usual stress.

Whether you want maximum market exposure to get the highest price, or a fast, private cash offer so you can move on your timeline, I'm here to guide you every step of the way.

Let's make your next chapter a success!

— **Jimmie**

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Chapter 1: Why This Guide Will Help You

- ✓ Save thousands by avoiding the top mistakes
- ✓ Learn exactly what buyers & investors are looking for
- ✓ Get a plan for staging, marketing, and moving
- ✓ Know your options: traditional sale or direct investor offer
- ✓ Feel confident every step of the way

This isn't generic advice — it's based on local West Michigan expertise, plus my unique perspective as both a Realtor **and an investor**. I want you to have every advantage.



Chapter 2: Deciding It's Time To Sell



Ask yourself:

- Have you outgrown your space — or is it too much house now?
- Are repairs adding up?
- Could your equity let you move into your dream home?
- Or maybe you just want less stress and more freedom?



Jimmie says:

"I've walked thousands of homes. The best results always come when homeowners are ready, not pressured. Let's have a zero-pressure conversation to explore your options."



Chapter 3: How To Price Your Home Right



Why pricing is everything

- Homes priced right from day one get **more showings, more offers, and sell faster.**
- Overpricing means you chase the market — often selling for less in the end.



How we determine the best price

- **Comparative Market Analysis (CMA):** Looks at similar homes sold in your neighborhood.
- Adjusts for your home's unique features.



Big mistake to avoid:



“Let's start high and see what happens.”

The longer your home sits, the more buyers wonder, *“What's wrong with it?”*



Chapter 4: Preparing Your Home For Market



Small fixes, big returns

- Fresh paint (neutral tones)
- Power wash exterior & walkways
- Replace outdated light fixtures & cabinet hardware
- Declutter countertops & closets



Pre-listing inspection?

Catches surprises before a buyer's inspector does — especially smart for older homes.



Chapter 5: Staging & Photography That Sells



Did you know?

- Staged homes sell **88% faster** and for **up to 20% more** than empty homes.
- 97% of buyers browse photos online before they ever step foot inside.



What we'll do:

- Help rearrange furniture or bring in staging pieces
- Use a pro photographer who highlights natural light, spaciousness, and curb appeal



Pro Tip:

Keep décor minimal — you want buyers to imagine *their* life there.



Chapter 6: Marketing Your Home (With Investor Advantages)



Traditional marketing

- MLS listing syndicates to Zillow, Realtor.com, Homes.com, and more
- Social media ads geo-targeted for local buyers
- Open houses & agent tours



Investor edge

Because I'm also an investor and wholesaler, I have **access to off-market buyer networks** that most agents don't. This means more eyes on your home — and sometimes multiple offers without even hitting the market.

Chapter 7: Negotiating Offers (And When Cash Makes Sense)

It's more than price

- Look at contingencies, financing type, closing date, and inspection demands.

When a cash offer makes sense

- Need to relocate quickly
- Inherited property
- Avoiding costly repairs or showings

I can bring serious cash buyers to the table from my network — or even buy your property myself if it's a fit.

Chapter 8: The Closing Process Made Simple

Typical timeline

1. **Offer accepted** → Deposit placed
2. **Inspections & appraisal** → Repair negotiations
3. **Title work** → Ensures clean ownership transfer
4. **Closing day** → Sign papers & hand over keys

Jimmie says:

“My team coordinates everything with title companies and inspectors so you stay stress-free.”



Chapter 9: Should You Sell Direct To An Investor?



Pros

- No repairs, no showings, flexible close date
- Avoid bank financing delays
- Move on your schedule



When to consider

- Property needs lots of work
- You inherited and live out of state
- Facing foreclosure or behind on payments



Want a **no-obligation cash offer**? I can get you multiple investor bids so you pick what's best.



Chapter 10: Moving Checklist & Timeline



30 Days Before

- Schedule movers / truck rental
- Start packing items you rarely use
- Notify schools / medical providers



14 Days Before

- Change address at USPS.com
- Set up utilities at new home

- Sell or donate unwanted furniture

✓ 7 Days Before

- Pack daily essentials last
- Label boxes by room
- Confirm moving day logistics

✓ 1 Day Before






- Pack a suitcase with meds, chargers, important papers
- Defrost fridge / clean appliances
- Do final walkthrough

? Chapter 11: FAQs & Top Mistakes To Avoid

🏠 FAQs

- **How long will it take?**
Depends on pricing & market, but avg. in Grand Rapids is ~25 days.
 - **Should I do repairs?**
Let's look at ROI — sometimes a small fix pays off huge.
 - **Can I buy & sell at the same time?**
Yes! I can coordinate both closings.
 - **How are commissions paid?**
From sale proceeds at closing — nothing upfront.
 - **MLS vs. investor?**
I'll show you both options so you make the best choice.
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Top mistakes

-  Overpricing
 -  Poor staging or dark photos
 -  Waiting too long to fix known issues
 -  Hiring the wrong agent
 -  Underestimating moving costs
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Chapter 12: Free Resources & Worksheets

Included for you:


-  **Home Staging Checklist**
 -  **Room-By-Room Prep Guide**
 -  **Moving Countdown Planner**
 -  **“My Selling Plan” Worksheet**
- (Space to fill out your goals, timeline, price expectations)*
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Chapter 13: Your Personalized Selling Strategy

Take a moment to jot down:

- Target listing month: _____
- Ideal price range: _____
- Must-sell-by date (if any): _____
- Notes from consult with Jimmie: _____

 Need help? Let's build this plan together.



Chapter 14: Next Steps — Let's Talk!

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