



Robin Talks Real Estate

*Should You Stay or
Should You Go? When to Move.*

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It's happened: your house no longer fits your needs. The kids have moved out and it's too big; there's a baby on the way and it's too small. OK, Goldilocks, it's time to find something that's *just right*.

There are many life changes that can put you in this dilemma. The decision you have to make now is whether to move or remodel.

First, find out the zoning laws on your property to determine whether you can remodel and to what extent. If you can remodel, get a detailed cost estimate. Then work with a Realtor to determine how much value the remodel will add to your home and if that's reasonable for your neighborhood. Having the most expensive home on the block is not a good financial move. You need to know that you can get that investment back if you sell someday.

While remodeling is expensive, moving is expensive too. And, unlike a remodel which is pure investment, moving has a lot of expenses that are simply expenses. You may also have to spend money on repairs and renovations to your new home.

However, the decision to move or remodel is not just about cost. Far from it. It is ultimately an emotional decision. If you love your home...your neighborhood, your yard, the way the sun warms the family room in the afternoon...then that's where you belong.

Remember, if your home doesn't make you happy every time you walk in the door, it's time to call a Realtor.

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