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Although the economy is providing us all with a bit of a rough, unpredictable ride, the good news is that the housing industry is undergoing a gradual process of bouncing back. ***Luckily, this good news about the housing industry also opens up some interesting ways for you to earn money.***

Consider these options:

1. **Clean out trashed houses and properties.** Start a side business during your off-work hours to clean out bank-owned houses or homes purchased by investors who want to flip them. Be specific about what you'll do.

- For example, you could advertise that you'll remove all trash in the home, down to the walls and floors. Your job would be to carry out all the debris, load it into your truck, and take it to the dump. You can charge per property or by the hour.
- ***Prior to bidding or accepting the job, meet with the owner at the property for a walk-through.*** This way, you'll see exactly what you'd be dealing with so you can name a price you're comfortable with. Before you know it, banks or contractors will be calling you for your services.

2. **Take care of the lawns of properties for sale.** Contact the realtors or banks to let them know you're skilled in lawn maintenance and have the necessary tools to keep up their properties.

- Particularly if the properties are in your own neighborhood, you stand to

make some decent cash without traveling too far from home.

3. **Phone local building contractors and offer your “gopher” services on the weekend.** Offering to pick up needed tools, building supplies, and even lunch for over-worked builders on their weekend workdays could grow to some pretty lucrative occasional work.
4. **Paint the interior or exterior of homes for sale.** If you enjoy painting, why not sell that service to banks or home “flippers?”
5. **Perform the final cleaning prior to going on the market.** Final cleaning may include scrubbing floors, polishing wood floors, vacuuming carpets, scouring sinks, and shining up countertops. Nearly anyone can do this. Plus, it’s very rewarding.
6. **Poll your prospects and offer your services.** Contact bank representatives, realtors, and property owners to inquire what kind of work they need done on their properties. Give them your name and number and have them call you with their needs.
 - ***When you demonstrate you’re eager and ready to go to work, someone may very likely take you up on your offer.*** Show your motivation.
7. **Apply for work at banks or other lenders.** If you have stellar office skills, consider checking to see if local financial institutions require additional assistance to process paperwork and make phone calls on short sales, bankruptcy properties, and the like.

Use your creative nature to put the current housing recovery to good use.

You have the power to fill your bank account with extra dollars right now. Think of every step from property clean-up to putting up real estate for sale. You'll be surprised at the money you can make!