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“**February is a reminder to practice self-love and prioritize our own well-being before spreading love to others**  
~Anais Nin



Real estate advice tends to get passed around casually and, over time, it can start to feel overwhelming. We hear the same misconceptions from buyers, sellers, and homeowners, and many of them create stress that simply is not necessary.

### **Does real estate only matter when you are buying or selling?**

It's easy to tune out market conversations once a move is off the table. In reality, real estate still plays a role in long-term planning, home maintenance decisions, and understanding how your home fits into your overall goals. Staying informed helps people make thoughtful choices, even without immediate plans to move.

### **Are online home value estimates the full picture?**

Online tools can be helpful, but they don't capture everything that affects value. Condition, updates, and recent sales nearby all matter. Looking at the bigger picture leads to better decisions, whether someone is preparing to sell or simply keeping track of their investment.

### **Do all home improvements add value?**

Some updates improve daily living more than resale value, while others help protect long-term condition. Knowing the difference helps homeowners prioritize wisely and sellers focus on what truly matters.

### **Is renting always the better short-term option?**

Renting can make sense for some situations, but homeownership offers long-term benefits beyond monthly payments. Understanding the trade-offs helps people decide what works best for their stage of life.

### **Is waiting for the perfect moment the safest approach?**

Trying to time everything perfectly can create hesitation. Being informed and prepared often reduces stress and leads to smoother decisions over time.

Our role is to help make real estate easier to navigate. Clearing up common misconceptions allows people to make decisions with confidence, not pressure.

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Homemade sugar scrubs are easy to make using minimal ingredients. You can mix up a base using sugar and a carrier oil. Then customize the scrub with various essential oils, depending on your scent preference and desire for therapeutic benefits. Sugar scrubs will last up to 6 months in airtight containers, stored at room temperature. If the mixture separates over time, just stir it before using again.

Here are two simple recipes to try. Enjoy your own "spa day"!

#### **Citrus Hand and Body Scrub**

1/2 cup plus 2 Tbsp. granulated sugar  
1/4 cup coconut oil (liquid)  
20 drops Sweet Orange essential oil  
10 drops Lemon essential oil

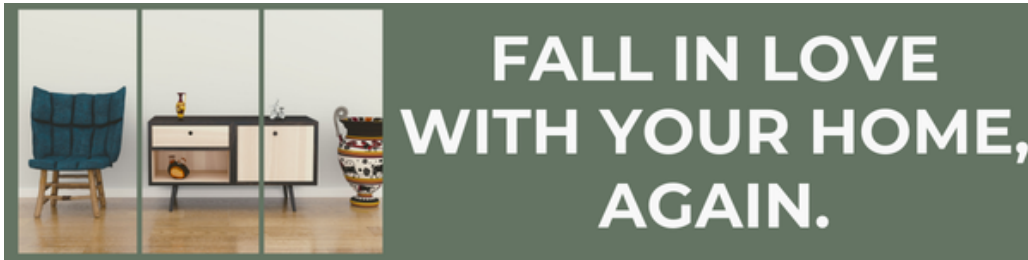
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#### **Peppermint Foot Scrub**

1/2 cup plus 2 Tbsp. Turbinado sugar (aka- raw sugar)  
1/4 cup coconut oil (liquid)  
20 drops Peppermint essential oil

[Dr Bronner's](#) and [The Healthy Maven](#)

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One thing we see often in real estate is that homeowners can quietly drift away from enjoying their homes. Life gets busy, routines take over, and the house that once felt exciting can start to feel purely functional. That is more common than people realize.

You do not need to be thinking about buying or selling to reconnect with your home. Sometimes, a few intentional changes can make a meaningful difference.

**A good place to start is with what no longer serves you.**

Over time, homes collect items that felt right at one point but no longer fit your lifestyle. Clearing out those pieces can open up space and help your home feel lighter and more comfortable. It also makes it easier to focus on the parts of your home you truly enjoy.

**Another simple shift is using what you already have in new ways.**

We often suggest that clients move artwork, pillows, or decor from one room to another. Small changes like this can refresh a space without taking on a big project or budget.

**Furniture placement is another area that gets overlooked.**

Rearranging a room or moving a piece to a different area of the home can change how the space feels and functions. A room that flows better often feels more welcoming and easier to spend time in.

**Adding personal touches matters too.**

Fresh flowers, plants, or framed photos bring warmth and life into a home. These details remind you that your home is not just an investment, but a place where your life happens.

**We encourage homeowners to use every part of their home.**

Spend time in rooms you may walk past every day. Sit by a window, enjoy a quiet moment, or change up how you use a space. Sometimes seeing your home from a different angle helps you appreciate it again.

Loving your home does not require major renovations or big decisions. It starts with small, thoughtful adjustments and a renewed sense of care for the space you are already in. When your home feels good to live in, everything else feels a little easier, too.

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