

# THE BEST APPS FOR HOMEBUYERS, SELLERS AND OWNERS



**T**he digital age has made life a lot easier when it comes to keeping yourself organized or doing research. Whether its finding the perfect furnishings or keeping your expenses and household chores organized, apps make it fun and manageable.

With so much digital content to guide you through these important life decisions, it can sometimes feel overwhelming. Let me share with you some of my favourite apps for those currently in the real estate market as well as for homeowners.

## BUYING & RELOCATING

From your property search, through the moving process and getting to know your new neighbourhood, these apps may help make the transition that much easier and more enjoyable.

**Walk Score:** This free app, which shows the proximity of a given property to nearby amenities like schools, stores and entertainment, could be especially handy for urban homebuyers as they tend to favour walkable neighbourhoods.

**Photo Measures:** Think you may have found your dream home but not sure if your furniture will fit? Photo Measures (\$9.99) allows you to note room dimensions on photos you take of a given room and might help to eliminate the guesswork out of buying, renovating and redecorating decisions.

**Realtor.ca:** With CREA's Realtor.ca app (free), prospective

buyers and renters can quickly search a comprehensive list of property listings across the country.

**Collaborate:** Collaborate is a new, cross-platform application that allows you to search properties across devices and communicate with your TREB member realtor in real time. Like a "Facebook of the MLS system," it allows you to share, comment and like/dislike properties while sharing this info with your real estate professional. Contact your realtor for access.

## RENOVATING & DECORATING

Whether you're a happy homeowner or a motivated seller, these apps could help you make your home into a picture perfect oasis.

**ColorSmart by Behr:** Ever wanted to do more than tack a paint chip on your wall to see if it works? This free app allows you to take photos of your home and preview any Behr paint colour on all four walls before you buy.

**iHandy Level:** Remodelling? Keep your angles in line and your projects on the straight and narrow with this free

app. You'll want to ensure you calibrate it first.

## CHORES & FINANCES

These next apps sure could help in organizing your household maintenance schedule and financial commitments.

**BrightNest:** Keep track of and learn how to tackle all your important home tasks with this free app. It'll give you easy-to-follow instructions and will allow you to create a personal schedule with helpful reminders.

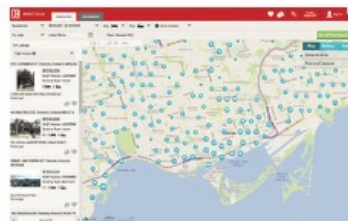
**Evernote:** This free app is great for syncing your notes, online favourites and to-do lists between your devices. It'll allow you to keep your personal and professional projects in order and at a glance, no matter where you are.

**BillMinder:** With this helpful \$2.99 app, you'll be able to organize all your monthly payments, from mortgages to the cable bill, by their due date. The app will send you a reminder when due dates are close and will allow you to create customized charts and reports based on your finances.

## TREB CHANNELS

And, of course, for the latest news on the GTA real estate market, you'll want to follow TREB's social media channels. Don't forget to visit our blog at TREBWire.com, and our website TREBHome.com.

I hope you enjoy using some of these apps as much as I do, and I wish you luck with every phase of your home ownership journey!



Realtor.ca is a great place to begin the search for a property.

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