



# ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HOME OWNERS

## TIPS TO SAVE TIME & ENJOY YOUR HOME MORE

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## The Home Ownership Experience

Most people treat each home owner project as a separate transaction. When you buy a home, you aren't focusing on the garage you might add at a future date, or who you'll refinance with to cover those remodeling costs down the road. When you understand the home owner lifecycle, you'll see that many of the home professionals you work with once can provide support for future activities in your home owner journey. You'll discover that it pays to build long-term relationships with these professionals similar to the relationships you have with your doctor, accountant, teachers, etc.

Americans are very mobile, moving every 5 to 7 years although the trend is fewer moves, averaging 7 to 10 years. This means you might complete the home ownership lifecycle several times in one or several communities. We've organized the library at the Association of Women Home Owners ([www.HomeTips4Women.com](http://www.HomeTips4Women.com)) to help you find ideas and information related to where you are in the home ownership cycle. We also encourage you to share your stories as new home owners, busy professionals and parents to encourage others to find solutions to their unique situations.

In the meantime, read on to discover how to find the team that will pave the way to an outstanding home owner experience!



## The Homeowner Workbook Series

This series of workbooks will help you identify the resources needed for each phase of home ownership. By gathering the information in one place, you now have a resource you can use over and over to build positive homeowner experiences.

- Who's Who On Your Real Estate Team
- Roadmap to Building or Remodeling Your Home
- Timely Home Maintenance with Your Pro Team
- Transform Your House to Your Lifestyle Home
- **... Tips to Save Time & Enjoy Your Home More**
- Professional Resources for All Your Home Projects (Combines all 5 eBooks)



## Resources to Save You Time So You Can Enjoy Life More

Everyone's too busy today and sometimes it feels like you're going home to your other job. You can change that by re-evaluating how you're spending your time at home. Here's a simple way to look at where you're spending your time and what you can do about it. Your choices include:

- Letting go and giving yourself permission to **stop doing things**.
- **Change how you do things**, i.e. when my children were young I put nice straw baskets in each room that were easy to toss toys into rather than carrying them to another room.
- **Do things less frequently**, i.e. I don't enjoy dealing with the mail so I simply leave it and handle one day a week saving time pulling out envelopes, stamps, etc.
- **Delegate things you don't enjoy**. Your time is precious and shouldn't be spent doing things that don't give you personal satisfaction, i.e. some people love gardening but I don't so we moved to a condo and I have 3 flower baskets and that's it.

Activity	Today (# Min)	Stop Doing!	Delegate	Daily	Weekly	Monthly

**Stop doing what's not important and delegate the things you don't like doing.**

When you're **ready to delegate things that still need to get done** but you don't enjoy, consider some of these home service professionals. Let us know what's missing, so we can build this list to share with others.



- **Cleaning Services** – When you don't like to clean, you get distracted and the job seems to take forever. Save yourself time and aggravation by hiring a cleaning service, even if you can only afford them once a month.
- **Window Cleaning** – After you clean your windows inside, you realize they still need to be cleaned outside. Maybe it's time to find a window cleaning service that takes over this chore once a year (inside and out).
- **Pool Maintenance** – Pools take a lot of maintenance. You might want to get help weekly, or maybe just when you open (and close) the pool each year.
- **Lawn Care Services** – Along with house cleaning, lawn care is popular with home owners as this task can't be neglected or you risk losing your lawn.
- **Gardening** – How often have you bought flowers only to find several days pass before you can find the time to plant them? Treat yourself by hiring someone once or twice a year to help you create the garden of your dreams.
- **Tree Trimming** – Trees might be small when you plant them, but they grow and need to be trimmed for looks and safety. You should use a company that specializes in tree services or you risk damage to your home.
- **Concierge Services** – When you don't have time to spare, you might use a concierge service to coordinate your home care and/or run errands for you.
- **Home Delivery Services** – We've had dry cleaning and laundry pickup and delivery services for a while. In parts of the US, you can now have your groceries delivered as well, so watch for more time-saving services like these.
- **Event Planners / Caterers** – If you like to entertain but dread all the preparation, consider working with an event planner. They'll work with you on a theme, menu and entertainment, all within your budget. A bonus is that they have the contacts to easily find the best caterer, band, etc. for your event.
- **Personal Chefs** – Americans spend money to eat out, but how healthy is this? You can buy pre-cooked meals or hire a personal chef to shop and prepare a month's worth of meals that you pop out of the freezer as needed.
- **Dog Walking Services** – If you're working long hours, there are new services to free up your time. Dog walking services come to your home to make sure your pets are well cared for, and some provide services when you travel as well.
- **Home Health and Beauty Services** – There are massage therapists, hair stylists and more that will come to your home to save you time.



## Answers to All of Your Home Ownership Questions ...

Women make seventy to eighty percent of the decisions involving their households, and twenty-one percent of first-time home buyers are single women. The goal of the Association of Women Homeowners is to provide you with the knowledge, tools and community support to comfortably manage any aspect of home ownership. We want to help you identify when it's time to call for help ... and when you call, we'll help you learn the concepts and terminology so you're comfortable working with any professional.

We'll help you build your strategy for buying a home and maintaining it to protect your investment. Our home professionals will share tips for decorating, organizing and saving time so you can enjoy your home.

At [www.HomeTips4Women.com](http://www.HomeTips4Women.com) you'll find great articles and a directory of home professionals to help you with any aspect of the home ownership. You might prefer our radio show, [Home Tips with Tina](#), where you can meet different home professionals and ask questions from the comfort of your home.

We're also inviting home owners to share their stories, so you can learn what has worked for other home owners. Be sure to watch your email inbox for **our newsletter, Tips 4 You and Your Home**. We'll share information and ideas to help you learn more about your home and how you can create the home of your dreams. If there's anything you want to know, please let us know so we can provide the information that best supports you in achieving the home of your dreams.

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P.S. The association is for all homeowners looking to improve their lives. We encourage feedback as we build our community to support you. Content comes from home professionals who want to build successful relationships with you. Please invite others who might find our information and community helpful as word-of-mouth sharing, is the best way to build a vibrant community. Thanks!

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## Your Team to Help You Enjoy Your Home

For many years, homes were getting larger even though we have been spending more time away from our home with longer work hours, eating out more often, sports and other activities.

Homes are now getting smaller but more functional. We're spending this time at home to save money and time. These checklists can help you save time so you can relax more at home with family and friends. Prioritize what you want to accomplish and delegate the important things you don't like doing, so you enjoy your home more!

Home Pros to Save You Time	Contact Information
Cleaning service:	Phone: Email:
Lawn care services:	Phone: Email:
Babysitting services:	Phone: Email:
Adult daycare services:	Phone: Email:
Pet sitting/daycare services:	Phone: Email:
Gardening/landscape services:	Phone: Email:
Pool service:	Phone: Email:
Dry cleaning and laundry "pick up" service:	Phone: Email:
Window cleaning service:	Phone: Email:
Personal chef/prepared meals:	Phone: Email:
Concierge services:	Phone: Email:
	Phone: Email:
	Phone: Email:
	Phone: Email:



Before you get worried about the cost of these in home services, look at how much you're spending when you eat out and you might be surprised.

Help for Entertaining	Contact Information
Event planner:	Phone: Email:
Caterer:	Phone: Email:
Table/chair rentals:	Phone: Email:
Florist:	Phone: Email:
DJ/Entertainment:	Phone: Email:
	Phone: Email:
	Phone: Email:
	Phone: Email:

Working at home can save you many hours of commute time. There is also more schedule flexibility for attending children's activities and family dinners.

Working at Home	Contact Information
Phones services:	Phone: Email:
Internet services:	Phone: Email:
Technical support:	Phone: Email:
Printing services:	Phone: Email:
Ship & delivery services:	Phone: Email:
	Phone: Email:
	Phone: Email:
	Phone: Email: