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But if you feel as if some neighbors linger too long or are too interested in what's going on in your home, there are some subtle and easy ways to protect your privacy and block their view. You'll thwart those eyes (and over-interest) and ease your mind at the same time with these collection of tips from Realtor.com.

WINDOW TINTING

You don't have to paint your windows black for privacy. If curtains or shades don't do the trick or turns rooms too dark, one of the easiest ways to achieve privacy and good lighting is by using window tinting.

These coverings come in a variety of values from dark to light that allow you to control the amount of light while obscuring activity within. True reflective tinting goes even further, effectively creating a two-way mirror that will puzzle prying neighbors. Test them out before buying in case you need curtains at night.

CELLULAR SHADES AND TAPESTRIES

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blinds that allow sunlight to shine through while also offering plenty of privacy.

These affordable shades come in many colors to complement any home decor, but white or light gray will offer the most light to filter through.

While it may not suit everyone's style, using a tapestry or decorative cloth to cover windows is another effective method. Because these fabrics tend to be cheaper, they allow more light in than traditional heavier curtains.

Sheer white curtains are another options recommended by decorators. They offer privacy and classic style, and can hang from inexpensive wall hooks and rods if you're renting and don't want to make a big investment in curtains.

OUTDOOR PRIVACY

Fences, trellises, hedges and potted bushes all offer attractive options to outline your property and ensure your privacy. Which you choose depends on your budget and the degree of privacy you wish to achieve.

Potted bushes are the answer if you can't plant more expensive hedges. Because they're decorative, potted plants and bushes create privacy without saying, "I'm fencing you out."

Trellises are also inexpensive and decorative. They repel nosy neighbors and can become the framework for flowers and climbing vines. You can also hang fabric from trellises. Another advantage is mobility. Trellises can be easily moved to block prying eyes from different directions.

Another bonus: You can take these items with you if you move.



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More Tips on Home Privacy

Realtor.com offers ideas for projects devoted to home privacy indoors and out, from fencing to trees that add value, decorative beauty and outdoor shade while offering varying degrees of seclusion from nosy neighbors, as well as security. Check out their latest news and insights at <https://bit.ly/2gR6Dnw>.

HOMEWISSE GLOSSARY

Zero lot lines: When a building is positioned so that it rests either directly on the lot's boundary line, or so close to the boundary line that there is minimal yard or space between the structure and adjacent structure.

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