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How Much Is My Home Worth?

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Home is where the heart is. Home is where you nest, raise kids, love, fight, nourish and walk through life's major transitions, with the people who are part of you. For the vast majority of human beings, their home is also their most precious asset. But, aside from the unquantifiable emotional value your home provides, there's a fair market value too. The only thing is, that can be difficult to determine.

- > Just exactly how much is your home worth?
- > How would you know?
- > How do you find out?

If you're thinking of selling your car, you go to the famous "Blue Book" to set the fair market value of your car. If you're considering selling your home, there are professionals and professional appraisal services you can employ to make sure you get it right.

All legitimate, professional home market appraisers can help you with the following issues you'll find yourself wrestling with the moment you decide to sell your home (whether you're selling yourself or through a real estate agent):

- > Taxes
- > Home improvements
- > Mortgage insurance
- > Relocating
- > Estate planning
- > Imminent domain
- > Market rents and trends

And that's just to start. Qualified real property appraisers must hold a state license or certificate. Those appraisers who have done more than meet the bare basics government requirements have also undergone more education than required, and usually have a lot more experience to offer.

- > real estate trends?
- > Are they familiar with your area?
- > How long have they been in business?

When it comes to your home, take the time to do it right. Then, when the dust settles, you'll be glad you did.

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