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"Don't stretch yourself too much with a mortgage. Buy within your means.. it's not worth the sleepless nights."

- Sarah Beeny

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What's Happening in Calgary(and area)...

Calgary, April 2, 2012 - City of Calgary residential sales continued to rise in March 2012, reaching 2,167 units, an increase of 12.6 percent over last March. "The rise in activity is related to the continued improvement of our economy and consumer confidence, as some concerns regarding the global economy have eased," says Ann-Marie Lurie, CREB[®] chief economist.

Active <i>Listings</i> as of April 2, 2012				Sales for March 2012			
Single Family Condominium	Count 5,565 2,358	Average Price \$552,250 \$317,202	Ave. DOM 68 69	Single Family Condominium	Count 1,963 672	Average Price \$454,725 \$284,084	Ave. DOM 46 52
Combined Residential Active Listings	7,923			Combined Residential Sales	2,635		
Rural With Home Rural Land Total Rural	1,061 562 1,623	\$1,091,675 \$672,663	122 232	Rural With Home Rural Land Total Rural	76 18 94	\$821,302 \$382,041	91 202
Total MLS Active Listings	9,546			Total MLS Sales	2,729		

Your Nest is Empty – Now What?

Now that your children have moved out you may start to find the size of your home is becoming unmanageable. For many current homeowners, this starts the process of looking to downsize into either a condominium or townhouse style of housing with less square footage. Here are some tips on how to prepare for less space:

- 1 Write a list of all the items you love and can't live without;
- 2 Start thinning out your belongings at least three months before the move.
- **3** Get a feel for the size of your new rooms by comparing them to rooms of similar dimensions in your present home.
- 4 Heavily edit areas with items that don't have as much sentimental value.

- 5 Label three bins To Keep, To Sell and Charity
- **6** Use floor plans to prearrange your furniture before the move.
- 7 Once you get to the packing stage, use a colour-coded system to organize all of your boxes.

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Pricing Your Property Correctly

When you decide to sell your property, you want to sell it for as much money as the market will allow. Pricing too high will keep your home from selling–a low price will keep you from receiving full value.

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