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**Budget Friendly Gadgets for Your Home**

Cincinnati, OH. (July 8, 2015) – In just a decade, our cell phones went from having limited capabilities to becoming the main hub for information and communication. With the many technological advances out there, you can now have a full control of what goes on in your home right at your fingertips.

“You don’t have to spend a fortune to incorporate innovative gadgets throughout your home,” said Joe King, President of Coldwell Banker West Shell. “With most people now using smart phones, it’s easier than ever for us to simplify day-to-day activities by using our phones as a universal remote. “

**Here are some great budget-friendly, app-controlled gadgets to consider for your home:**

**Control Switches:**

If you frequently travel for business or for leisure, app-controlled switches may be just the thing your home needs. These simply designed, compact devices plug into any outlet. Then, they can be programmed to connect to various electronics and lights throughout your home and controlled from anywhere through an app on your smartphone. If you’re gone for extended periods of time, you can make your home feel lived in by controlling the lights, television, stereo, and other electronics throughout the house.

**Smart Thermostat:**

Thermostats that use smart technology give you the ability to control the temperature in your home while you’re away. This is especially great if there’s a drastic weather change and you want to adjust your home temperature accordingly, or if you forgot to put it in energy saving mode prior to leaving the house. Some thermostats like the Nest, learn to adjust to your heating and cooling cycle to provide you with the right temperature during the day and night, while also preserving energy.

**Water with Intelligence:**

If you take pride in taking care of your lawn, a technologically advanced sprinkler system could be a great investment. By syncing the sprinkler system with your phone, you will have full visibility of what your yard needs and lets you easily keep track of the current and future watering schedule. Some systems also offer tips of how to calibrate soil and vegetation for the best results.

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