

EFFECTIVELY MANAGE YOUR
RENTAL PORTFOLIO

10 TIPS FOR LANDLORDS



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Introduction

Owning and managing rental properties can be both rewarding and challenging. For many landlords, property management is more than just a business — it's a pathway to financial freedom and generational wealth. However, without the right tools and knowledge, it can also become overwhelming.

The role of a landlord requires a delicate balance between providing exceptional service to residents and maintaining the physical integrity of the property. From navigating legal requirements to managing tenant relationships, every decision you make impacts your bottom line. With the right approach, you can transform property management into a successful, profitable business that benefits both you and your residents.

This guide, "The Big Landlord: 10 Essential Tips for New and Seasoned Landlords," was created to give you practical advice and actionable strategies for becoming a more effective landlord. Whether you are just starting out or looking to improve your existing processes, these tips will help you build a strong foundation for your property management journey. We'll cover everything from understanding your role as a landlord to handling maintenance, screening tenants, and marketing your property.

Remember, successful property management is about more than collecting rent — it's about building trust, maintaining your investments, and fostering a sense of community. Let this guide be your roadmap to mastering the art of property management.

Welcome to your journey as a Big Landlord. Let's get started!

~Bruzenskey Bois

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“Our only limitations are those we set up
in our own minds.”

- *Hill. Napoleon*



Bruzenskey Bois, a pioneering Real Estate Investor & Developer hailing from Tampa, FL, embodies the essence of visionary leadership. As a first-generation Haitian American raised in Miami, FL, he carved his path to success by graduating from the University of South Florida. A passionate property manager with a remarkable track record, Bruzenskey has skillfully overseen commercial & multifamily real estate portfolios totaling over \$23 million in assets. His expertise led him to be recognized as a Certified Apartment Manager by the National Apartment Association in 2011.



Tip #1: Treat Property Management as a Business



Property management is more than just collecting rent — it's a business that requires a professional approach. As a landlord, you need to build professional relationships with your residents while maintaining a clear boundary. It's essential to remember that your residents are not your friends, and you should always conduct yourself in a professional manner. Your primary responsibilities are twofold: ensuring a positive residential experience for your tenants and protecting the physical asset of your property. Providing a comfortable living environment while maintaining and enhancing your investment will set the foundation for a successful property management business.

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Tip #2: Buy Smart, Not Just Fast



The key to real estate success lies in making smart buying decisions from the start. A property's profitability is determined when you buy, not when you sell. Before purchasing a property, you must have a clear exit strategy in place. Will you hold onto the property for the long term, flip it for a quick sale, or refinance it for further investment? Understanding your financial capabilities is crucial, including how much you can afford to spend and what your debt service will look like. Additionally, researching comparable properties in the area will help you make informed decisions, ensuring that your investment is sound and sustainable.

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Tip #3: Know Your Customers



As a landlord, you are serving multiple customers, each with unique needs. Your primary customers are your investment partners or property owners, whose financial goals you need to understand clearly. Are they focused on generating cash flow or building equity? You also need to be familiar with the terms of your loan agreements with lenders, including loan-to-value ratios, interest rates, and insurance requirements. Vendors play a vital role in maintaining your property, so it's essential to choose reliable service providers and ensure they meet all necessary licensing and insurance standards. Furthermore, your residents are key to your success — their renewal process starts from the day they move in, so addressing their needs promptly is vital. Finally, don't underestimate the value of maintaining good relationships with neighbors, as they can provide valuable referrals and help enhance the community's overall experience.

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Tip #4: Master the Three Keys of Property Management



Successful property management revolves around three key areas: people, property, and business operations. First and foremost, you are in the customer service business. Your ability to listen and respond to the needs of your residents will help you solve problems and build trust. Second, your property is a critical focus. Ensuring that you purchase properties with solid fundamentals or a clear maintenance plan will save you money and time in the long run. Lastly, establishing efficient business systems is essential for managing your portfolio effectively. Don't hesitate to outsource tasks to experts if you feel overwhelmed. Investing in the right tools and services can make a significant difference in your business's success.

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Tip #5: Know the Laws



Understanding and complying with housing laws is crucial for avoiding legal issues and maintaining a reputable property management business. The Fair Housing Act (FHA) prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status. Additionally, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ensures accessibility for individuals with disabilities. It's essential to stay informed about local regulations, including tenant rights and eviction procedures. Make sure you have adequate liability insurance to protect yourself from potential lawsuits. By staying compliant with all legal requirements, you'll ensure that your property management business operates smoothly and ethically.

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Tip #6: Build Strong Vendor Relationships



Vendors play an integral role in keeping your property in good condition. It's important to establish clear guidelines on how you will work with vendors to avoid any misunderstandings. Collect all necessary tax forms and ensure that your vendors have proper insurance coverage, including workers' compensation. Setting payment terms, such as Net 15 or Net 30, can help streamline your financial processes. Drafting detailed contractor agreements will further clarify expectations and responsibilities, reducing the risk of disputes. Building strong vendor relationships will ensure that your property remains well-maintained and that you can rely on your vendors when emergencies arise.

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Tip #7: Screen Prospects Carefully



The process of screening prospective tenants is where many landlords unintentionally violate fair housing laws. It's crucial to stay updated on fair housing regulations and ensure that your screening process is compliant. When communicating with prospects, be mindful of how you answer questions to avoid any discriminatory statements. Establish clear qualifying criteria and stick to them without making exceptions. Managing expectations is key — avoid overpromising to prospects. A solid lease agreement and a secure move-in process will help you avoid future issues and ensure that both parties understand their rights and responsibilities from the outset.



Tip #8: Prioritize Your Residents



Your residents should always be a top priority in your property management business. Providing timely responses to service requests is an excellent way to build trust and foster a positive relationship with your tenants. Creating a sense of community can also enhance their living experience. Consider organizing resident events or setting up online groups where tenants can connect. Enforce lease rules consistently to maintain order and prevent potential issues from escalating. Additionally, stay on top of lease renewals and ensure that your policies regarding holdovers and security deposits comply with local landlord-tenant laws. By prioritizing your residents, you can reduce turnover rates and maintain a stable tenant base.



Tip #9: Get Maintenance Right



A well-maintained property is the backbone of a successful property management business. Address maintenance requests promptly to keep your residents satisfied and prevent small issues from turning into major problems. Implementing a preventative maintenance plan can help you identify potential issues before they arise, saving you time and money in the long run. Utilizing software to track service requests, contracts, and inventory will streamline your maintenance processes. Following a structured maintenance program — including regular inspections, inventory management, task assignments, frequency tracking, and scheduling — will ensure that your property remains in excellent condition. A proactive approach to maintenance will set you apart as a responsible and reliable landlord.

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Tip #10: Market Your Property Effectively



Effective marketing is essential for attracting quality tenants and maintaining high occupancy rates. Utilize social media platforms to promote your property and reinforce your brand. Ensure that your marketing materials comply with fair housing laws to avoid any potential legal issues. Engage with your community to build a positive reputation and gather valuable feedback from your residents. Regularly check market comparable to ensure that your rental rates are competitive. By continuously marketing your property, you'll keep it visible to prospective tenants and maintain a steady stream of interest.

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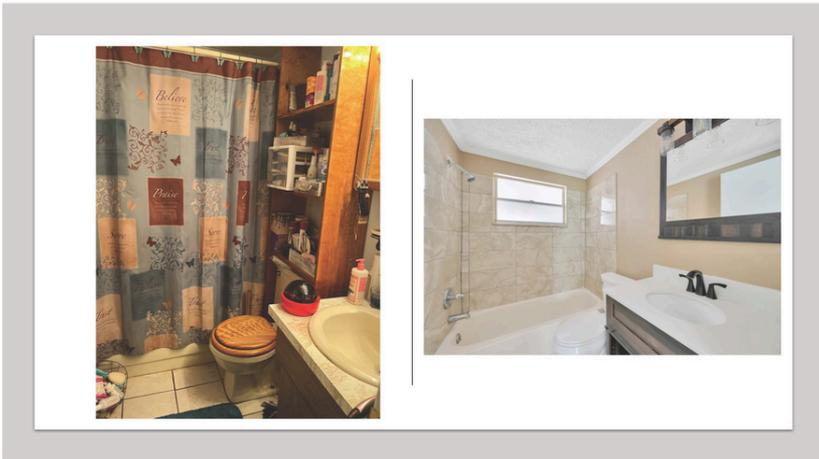
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From Forgotten to Fabulous: The Transformation of 5718 Orange Grove Ave

In 2022, I acquired 5718 Orange Grove Avenue — a property that, while structurally sound, had been long overlooked and underappreciated. I saw potential where others saw problems, and what followed was a journey of intentional, high-impact transformation that not only brought the property back to life but also added value to the neighborhood and opportunity to a new tenant and eventual homeowner.

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- Bathroom Renovation: The bathroom got a full facelift with new fixtures and finishes—transforming it from dated to desirable.
- Interior & Exterior Paint: A fresh coat of paint did wonders inside and out. Choosing neutral, modern tones made the home feel larger, cleaner, and more market-ready.

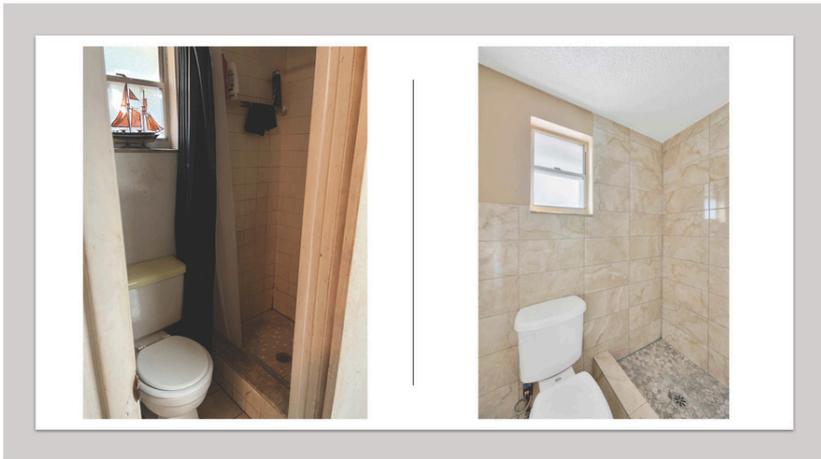
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This wasn't a gut renovation. It was a strategic refresh. I focused on cosmetic enhancements that yield major returns —both financially and visually. Here's what went into the revitalization:

- Landscaping: With a few intentional updates, the curb appeal went from tired to thriving. Mulch, trimming, and greenery made the property pop.
- Pressure Washing: A thorough wash unveiled the home's original charm, giving the exterior a cleaner, brighter, and more welcoming look.

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At 5718 Orange Grove Ave, we were intentional about honoring the home's original charm. For the bathroom, that meant embracing a rustic theme while delivering a fresh, modern upgrade. From the earthy tones to the timeless fixtures, every choice was made to blend character with comfort.

We believe affordability shouldn't mean sacrificing style. This renovation is proof that you can keep costs manageable without cutting corners on design. Whether you're a tenant or investor, quality living starts with thoughtful details—and we've got those covered, even down to the bathroom tiles.

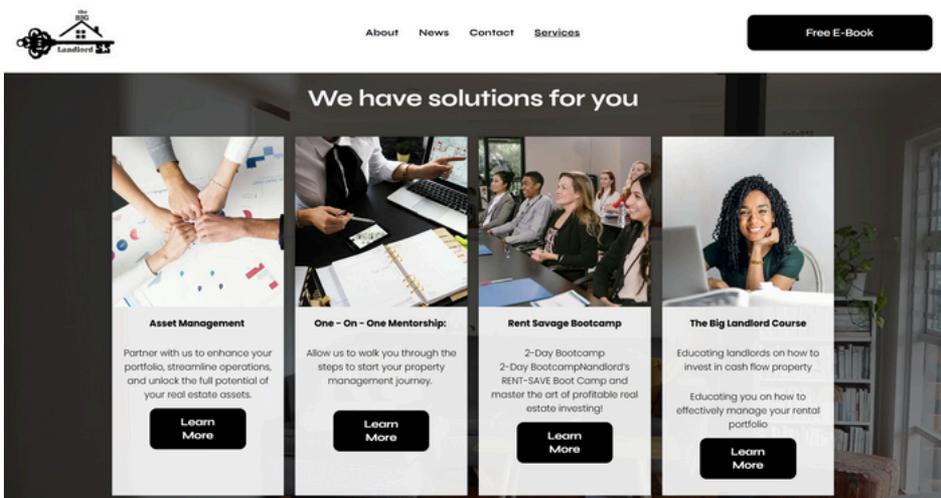
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By the time I listed the property in 2025, it was no longer just a structure—it was a story. One of vision, stewardship, and the power of smart renovation. The home was quickly rented, providing a quality living space for a tenant, and later sold—proving that you don't always have to tear down to build up.

This project serves as a testament to what's possible when you combine strategy, sweat equity, and a little bit of style. For fellow investors, landlords, and aspiring renovators: sometimes the key to value isn't in expensive overhauls—it's in the details that make people fall in love with a space again.

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Powerful Tools Built Just for You

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Learn as You Grow

Every landlord has questions. The difference is where you go for answers. Our Learning Center is packed with expert-written guides, how-to tips, legal updates, and proven strategies to help you avoid mistakes and get ahead. Whether it's your first property or your fiftieth, there's always something new to learn—and we're here to walk that path with you.

A Community That Has Your Back

Landlording can feel lonely—but it doesn't have to be. Inside TheBigLandlord.com, you'll find a supportive, real-world community of property owners who've seen it all and are eager to help. Share your wins, ask questions, swap stories, or just connect with others who get it. Our forum is a place to grow together, learn from each other, and never feel like you're facing a problem alone again. When you join, you're not just creating an account—you're joining a tribe of people who want to see you succeed.

We're Here for You

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Final Thoughts



Becoming a successful landlord takes dedication, knowledge, and a willingness to adapt. By following these tips, you can build a thriving property management business that benefits both you and your residents. Remember, property management is about more than just collecting rent – it's about creating a positive living experience for your tenants while protecting and growing your investment. Stay committed to learning and improving, and success will follow.

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