

EVERYDAY FENG SHUI

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Help Your Prosperity Grow in the Year of the Pig

On February 4th we luckily moved into the Lunar Year of the Pig! The pig represents wealth, abundance and success in every aspect of your life. This is a great time to help make your goals come to fruition, and what better way than to pay attention to the prosperity area of your home and/or business.

Prosperity does not refer solely to financial wealth; rather the “richness” of your life. Are you rich in friends, family, love, community, health, talent, career, self-fulfillment, inner peace and/or financially? With the renewal properties in the year of the pig you can take positive steps to contribute to your own prosperity – and Feng Shui can help you.

In Feng Shui, the Wealth and Prosperity area reminds us that happiness comes in many forms. There is great value to having close friends, family, good health and fulfilling creative expression in the world. The ideal way to build and maintain these forms of prosperity is to nurture them with love and gentleness.

Now is a great time for spring cleaning and decluttering. Begin your prosperity work by culling and organizing the old to make way for the flow of abundance. Take time to look at your home’s Wealth and Prosperity area and ask yourself, “Is the area enhancing or draining my prosperity?” “How can I increase the flow of prosperity and make it bloom?”

The Bagua

The Feng Shui Bagua (Ba-gua) Map, comes from the Chinese philosophy, “The I Ching,” and literally means “eight trigrams”, with the center being for centering and grounding. The Wealth and Prosperity area is in the left back corner of your home/business. In the “I Ching” this area of your home or business is called “Persistent Wind” because shaping your prosperity takes steady persistence, patience, trust and self-control. These help you build a solid foundation. This is not about winning the lottery or hitting it rich in the stock market, but rather a slow accumulation of wealth to secure present and future happiness on all fronts.

WEALTH AND PROSPERITY	FAME AND REPUTATION	LOVE AND RELATIONSHIP
HEALTH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS	CENTER AND GROUNDING	CHILDREN AND CREATIVITY
KNOWLEDGE AND SELF- CULTIVATION	CAREER	HELPFUL PEOPLE AND TRAVEL
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ENTRANCE QUADRANT

Enhancements in this area are particularly helpful if: You want to generate more cash flow in your life, you are raising money for a special purpose, you would like to be more aware of the flow of abundance and prosperity through your life in general.

The element for this area is Fire, and the colors are purple, red and deep blue. Representations of this element can be used inside and outside of your home or business.

Enhancements for the Wealth and Prosperity area inside your home or business:

- *Healthy plants with rounded shaped leaves
- *Water features (fountains, waterfalls or aquariums) symbolizing the abundant flow of money
- *Posters, paintings, photos or figures depicting moving water, wealth or your desired possessions (homes, cars, boats, equipment, jewelry etc.)
- * Valuable possessions and collections, such as antiques, art, sculptures, coins and crystal
- * Items in the colors of purple, blue or red that help create a feeling of richness and opulence
- * Quotes, affirmations and sayings pertaining to prosperity

Enhancements for the Wealth and Prosperity area outside your home or business:

- * Items that “call the Ch’i” such as flags, wind chimes, whirligigs, wind socks
- * Items, flowers, plants in the purple color spectrum
- * Fountains that either bubble up 360 degrees or where the water flows toward your home
- * Waterfalls flowing toward your home

A Missing Wealth and Prosperity Area:

If your Wealth and Prosperity area is missing from your floorplan, anchor the area by doing one or a combination of the following: Anchor the missing corner structurally, such as building a trellis or deck, planting flowers in a flower garden or planter boxes in the purple spectrum, adding a fountain, a seating arrangement or a figure representing wealth and prosperity. If the area outside is not accessible, you can symbolically anchor from the inside by hanging a 30 mm round faceted crystal, placing a mirror, and/or a picture of a prosperity representation on the wall by the missing corner. If the missing area happens to be a parking lot, you can draw a small symbol of a dollar sign in the exact location, closing off the corner. In a lawn or dirt area a piece of rose quartz can also be buried pointing up in the exact corner to symbolize anchoring.

A bathroom is especially important to enhance when it is in your Wealth and Prosperity area. Always remember that ALL drains and toilet lids must be kept closed when not in use, to keep the flow of prosperity from “pouring down the drain.” Ch’i flows very much like water and tends to be pulled down any open drain, especially an opening as big as a toilet.

Affirmations:

Remember that In Feng Shui, intent plays a significant role in enhancing any area of your home or business. That’s why all enhancements need to be made with intentionality. Written or stated affirmations, which are expressed as if they have already happened, are very important.

Examples or affirmations for the Wealth and Prosperity area: *“I am rich and prosperous in every way”, “There is a generous flow of wealth and prosperity in my life.”*

This year take advantage of that the prosperity that the Year of the Pig has to offer. May all the riches of health, wealth and happiness constantly blossom in your life.

Feng Shui at Work:

Our home had two offenders. We were missing our Wealth and Prosperity corner, and to make matters worse the bathroom was adjacent to the missing corner. We created a “structural” anchoring by building a wooden arbor connecting the existing deck to the missing corner. We planted red trumpet vine to grow up the arbor, symbolizing the upward growth and blooming of prosperity, and a deep burgundy ornamental cherry tree near it. We hung a purple and orange fish windsock at the top of the missing corner and have a deep purple gazing ball at the base. All our outside flowers in this area are in the purple spectrum. When we remodeled the bathroom in the adjoining Health area we hung a vibrant purple picture of the Georgia O’Keefe petunias on the wall closest to the missing area, and hung a lavender 30 mm round faceted crystal in the corner. This has helped our finances immensely.

A client had this area in her dining room. She chose to paint the walls a shade of purple and add purple accents for her table setting. She replaced a large mirror, which was too active of a feature for restful dining, with an opulent painting of a purple and gold flowers. She also placed a small bubbling fountain on the sideboard. She let me know that to her surprise, instead of money flowing her way, she was delighted to reconnected with some estranged family members. Prosperity comes in many forms!

Another client had her wealth area in her bedroom closet. I recommended that she remove some items of clothing to symbolically indicate she was ready for change, hang a purple 30 mm round faceted crystal in the closet to keep the energy moving, and hang pictures inside and outside representing prosperity. Since she was searching for a job in family law, she hung pictures of families and law offices in a shade of purple matting and wrote out her affirmations. She now has a thriving career as an attorney in a family law office.

Feng Shui on a Shoestring:

Feng Shui enhancements do not have to cost a great deal. "Shopping in your own home" is when you move art and items to a more auspicious location in your home. Find art with purple tones and place it in the wealth and prosperity area.

Classes:

I will be teaching a series of three classes, "Feng Shui for Prosperity" through Acalanes Adult Ed: Tuesdays March 12- 26 1:00-3:00 pm

You can register on line at acalanes.k12.ca.us/adulted (Participants will receive \$40 off a home consultation.)

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