



The image shows a screenshot of the RESA Staging Calculator. At the top is the RESA logo with the tagline 'Real Estate Staging Association' and 'Advancing Professionalism and Excellence in Real Estate Staging'. Below this is the title 'STAGING CALCULATOR'. The calculator has several input fields: 'Monthly Mortgage Amount' (set to \$2000), 'Monthly Carrying Costs' (set to \$1000), 'Months on Market When Unstaged' (set to 9), 'Reduction in Months When Staged' (set to 7), and 'Staging Fee' (set to \$6000). A 'CALCULATE' button is centered below these inputs. The results are shown at the bottom: 'Cost to List Unstaged' (set to \$27000) and 'Savings When Staged First' (set to \$15000). Each result field has a question mark icon to its right.

1. Click on the calculator, which will launch in a new window.
2. Enter the **monthly mortgage** and **carrying costs** for the home.
3. Either use the 6.1 months (184 days average) that RESA* found to be the months on the market in 2015 of homes before the owners decided to stage, OR enter the average **months on the market** in your area:
 - o Manhattan Co-ops: 3.8 months (113 days**)
 - o Manhattan Condos: 4.1 months (125 days**)
 - o Hamptons: 4.4 months (132 days***)
 - o North Fork, LI: 4.2 months (126 days***)
4. Because RESA found that these staged homes sold in 90% less time after they were staged, either use the 5 months found by RESA or multiply the months on the market in your area by 90% to arrive at the **Reduction in Months When Staged**.
5. Enter the total sum of **Staging Fees** (furniture rental, accessory rental, fee paid to stager)
6. Click on the **Calculate** button.
7. The **Cost to List Unstaged** is the product of multiplying the monthly costs by the number of months unstaged and on the market.
8. The **Savings When Staged First** is the product of the Reduction in Months When Staged multiplied by the monthly costs, less the Staging Fees.

If the Savings When Staged First is less than the Cost to List Unstaged, then you are saving money in the long run when you decide to stage.

*Source: Real Estate Staging Association Consumer's Guide to Real Estate Staging

**Source: The Corcoran February 2018 Report

***Source: Prudential Douglas Elliman 4th Quarter 2017 Market Overview