

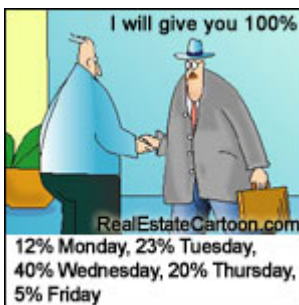


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Fun Fact:

. By the year 2012 there will be approximately 17 billion devices connected to the Internet.



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NEWSLETTER

Upgrading your home into home sweet home

(ARA) - Home sweet home. With more homeowners deciding to stay put in their homes, rather than attempting to sell in the current market, that old adage is more meaningful than ever.

Staying put doesn't mean homeowners are settling. Many are upgrading or redecorating their abodes, turning their old home into the stylish - yet comfortable - home sweet home they've dreamed of for many years.

Upgrading and redecorating a house can be done in small steps, or in one overhaul, depending on your available time and finances, and the upgrades you want to do.

No matter if you want to have everything done in one large overhaul, or intend to spread your upgrades, you need to develop a working. Here are some tips to get your working plan started:

- * Plan on a budget. You can develop a total budget for all the work you want to do, or an annual budget, which will help you divide up all the projects so you are able to afford them over a period of time.

- * Set a timeline. This is to determine your availability to work on the project. If you find that you only have a day or two available, you probably will want to plan for a much smaller project.

- * Make a list of equipment you need. If you're going to be purchasing larger supplies, like drywall and wood board, you probably need a truck. And don't forget about finding a secure place in your home or garage to store supplies while the project is ongoing. If you live in a home where storage is limited, consider keeping your tools in your truck bed, covered and secured.

- * Ask questions. As you get started in the planning of your project, talk to friends who have done similar projects as well as experts. Be to address issues as they arise.

Staying in your current house and revamping it into that dream house you always wanted can really pay off. You may find yourself inviting family and friends to come and vacation at your house, so you can stay home and enjoy it.

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Word of the Month:

Studies have shown that your income and wealth is directly related to the depth of your Vocabulary. Here is this month's word so you can impress your friends.

perspicacious

\pur-spi-KEY-shuhs\
;adjective

1. Having keen mental perception and understanding; discerning.

Example:

You are perspicacious, know the ways of the world, and are more tactful than most men of your age.

-- Alexandre Dumas, The Count of Monte Cristo

Quotes to Live by:

Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing

-Theodore Roosevelt

Say What?

Eighty Six

A certain item is no longer available. Or this idiom can also mean, to throw away.

Savvy bathroom-storage solutions

(ARA) - While the bathroom may be one of the smallest rooms in the home, it is also the area where we store a multitude of items. It's easy for your bath to feel more like crowded, cluttered chaos than the spa sanctuary you long for.

Luckily, with a few conscious attempts to control the clutter, your bathroom storage woes will cease and you can create a bathing haven to put you at ease.

Shower storage with style and size-

Nineteen percent of men and twenty two percent of women say leaving items on the bathroom floor is a top annoyance, according to an online consumer survey by Moen Incorporated. Luckily, freeing the floor can be simple; just use your shower for storage. Adding a Double Curved Shower Rod from Moen creates an excellent place to hang towels, robes and other items. Plus, the curved design provides an extra 5 inches of elbow room for a more enjoyable shower experience.

Getting the "hang" of it-

To accompany your new curved shower rod, incorporate shower rod hooks to fully utilize the storage space. These S-shaped hooks are easy to install. Available in the most popular finishes to coordinate with other bathroom accessories, your bath will look great.

Drawers of your dreams-

First, categorize items and store like items together with interlocking drawer organizers or the Pop-a-Box compartment drawer organizers. This way items stay organized and not free-floating around in your drawers.

Disguised decor -

To create an organized bath you need a designated place for everything. Try the walls. Wall shelves can be the perfect solution for storage - and create a beautiful look in your bath. First, choose a stylish design in a finish that coordinates with the rest of your bath hardware. Then, add decorative baskets or jars to place on the shelves to hold your items. Soon you'll have storage space disguised as decoration.

With these simple storage solutions, your bath will be an oasis of organization for you to wake up and enjoy each morning.

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Movie Trivia: How many movies has Johnny Depp made with director Tim Burton?

a. 4

b. 5

c. 7

d. 8

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Maybe you're just curious. Or maybe you want to know how much equity you have in your home. Or perhaps you are thinking of selling soon and want to know how much your home increased in value. Either way, I can help...No "sales pitches" or runarounds. Just give me a call **303-909-2365** and I will give you the facts.

Economy at a Glance:

Data Series	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011
<u>Unemployment Rate</u>	8.9	8.7	8.5
<u>Change in Payroll Employment</u>	112	100	200
<u>Average Hourly Earnings</u>	23.20	23.20	23.24
<u>Consumer Price Index</u>	-0.3	0.3	-0.1
<u>Producer Price Index</u>	-0.3	0.3	-0.1

Information from <http://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.us.htm>

US Population Clock
312,883,558
World Population Clock
6,989,103,452

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Selling your home out of season? A great deck makes a difference

(ARA) - In a perfect world, no one would ever have to face the challenge of trying to sell a house when there's snow on the ground and the trees are bare. In reality, people have to sell and buy homes throughout the year.

While winter may not be the optimum season to showcase your landscaping, there is one improvement you can make that will help you boost your home's outdoor appeal no matter what the season: A deck.

When potential buyers visit your home in winter, they might not be able to envision how green and lovely your backyard will look come spring. But they will be able to see with their own eyes the square footage that a deck adds to the home's living space.

Decks, patios, sunrooms and porches have always been popular with home buyers, but real estate agents say that too often those spaces are neglected or not used to their best advantage. Yet outdoor improvements like a deck can significantly enhance your home's value and appeal. In fact, at the time of resale, a deck will recoup, on average, about 73 percent of the original cost of building it, according to Remodeling Magazine's Cost vs. Value report.

The cooler temperatures of fall and early winter make the season a great time to add a deck to your home. Or, if you already have a deck, you can enhance its appeal by adding simple touches and accessories.

Lighting is another way to boost appeal. LED deck lighting kits are both practical and visually appealing. Adding lighting to a deck can be an important safety feature, and also helps create a warm, welcoming mood for evening entertaining.

"More than ever before, people look at their decks as outdoor entertainment areas," says Chris Fox of Universal Forest Products, producers of Latitudes Composite decking and Railing and Deckorators, a leader in decking railing systems and deck accessories. "For some, it's a kitchen; for others, a living room. Decks can be party spaces or quiet retreats. With so many different types of deck materials, lighting, rail systems and decorative accents, it's possible to turn a plain deck into a great outdoor space."

"Potential home buyers always react positively to nice decks that look like a great place to hang out," says Harrison. "From a buyer's perspective, if all else is equal, it's true that the home with the best deck wins."

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Food Fact:

-California's Frank Epperson invented the Popsicle in 1905 when he was 11-years-old.

- Americans eat 20.7 pounds of candy per person annually. The Dutch eat three times as much.

Weird Laws:

Arizona- There is a possible 25 years in prison for cutting down a cactus.

Utah- It is considered an offense to hunt whales.

North Carolina- Elephants may not be used to plow cotton fields.

New Mexico- Persons may not spit on the steps of the opera house.

U.S.A. Facts

- As of 2009, six of the 25 tallest buildings in the world are in the United States

- America eats approximately 100 acres of pizza every day.

And... Whether you are thinking of buying, selling, or financing real estate, or stop by and say "hi", I'd love to hear from you...

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Ring in 2012 with renewed home decor

(ARA) - New Year's is a time when many people commit to starting fresh or developing some positive changes in their lives. As you consider what you will change in 2012, think about where you spend the majority of your time. Your surroundings can greatly influence your mood and actions, and a refreshed interior can help you step forward into a new and improved lifestyle. Enjoying life more in 2012 could start with just a few simple updates to your home.

Color- Home decor trends are constantly evolving, and one of the most obvious aspects of changing style is color. An easy, cost-effective way to modernize your home is to update your walls to a posh hue. Try a brand which features a broad range of colors to fit any style. After tracing the development of today's styles back to their origins, the brand's Color + Design team released the 2012 trends forecast. Titled "Trace," this forecast features five palettes: Essence, Instinctive, Enough, Echo and Expressive. The trends range from shimmering ethereal shades, to rich earth tones, to bright vibrant hues.

Accents- Whether your taste is classic and elegant, natural and rustic, or clean and modern, accessories have a huge impact on the feel of any room. Mirrors, wall hangings, table art, pillows and floral arrangements are just some examples of accents that can completely change the look and feel of a space.

Rearrange- Replacing your current furniture may not be in your budget, but don't underestimate the effect rearranging your current pieces can have on your space. Simply changing the layout of a room costs nothing and can have a dramatic impact on the functionality and atmosphere of your home. Place larger furniture pieces against the wall to open up floor space and avoid blocking walking paths. This update is as temporary as you want it to be, so don't be afraid to try something new.

Bring your home into the New Year in style and update your color, accents, layout and lighting to start fresh in 2012. By focusing on a few key areas, you can enjoy an improved living space easily and affordably.

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