

CLUB NEWS

THE VOICE OF HOMESERVICE CLUB

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Wishing all our members a safe and joyous holiday season!



December CHECKLIST

- Remember to change your furnace filter monthly during the heating season.
- Make sure that your fireplace is in safe working order. Check that the damper opens and closes smoothly and fits properly, to prevent heat loss. Check inside the fireplace to make sure that no bricks are loose or broken. Installing a chimney cap can cure a smoking fireplace by improving the draft.
- Make sure that your roof can handle the load of winter. Have the eaves cleaned this month. Inspect the roof for missing, lifting, cracking or buckling shingles.
- Wash windows to let in the maximum heat and light during cold winter days.
- Have carpets cleaned to spruce up your home for the holidays and improve indoor air quality.
- Make sure that your furnace has been cleaned and safety-checked for maximum operating efficiency.

WHY WAIT 'TIL SPRING? PLAN your RENOVATION now to beat spring rush and keep costs down



If you are planning to replace your kitchen, add a bathroom or renovate the basement, don't wait until spring – do it now! That's the advice from Homeservice Club president Richard Felton, who says that homeowners benefit from lower prices and faster service during the winter months.

"Contractors who are swamped in the spring are not as rushed in the winter months," he said. "They have more time to spend with customers and their prices are often lower. It's a win-win situation for the homeowner."

Whether you decide to renovate to improve your lifestyle, to upgrade your home or just to maintain your investment, here are some points to consider when planning your renovation:

· In terms of payback, the top renovations are interior painting (73%), kitchen (72%), bathroom (68%), exterior painting (65%) and flooring upgrades (62%). As a

general rule of thumb, you will recoup your investment on renovations that increase your home's value by up to 15% over the average price for your area.

· While you're renovating, consider what energy upgrades can be incorporated into the renovation: a high-efficiency furnace, improved ventilation, energy-efficient lighting, and water-conserving toilets and showerheads.

· Work with a professional

renovator to determine what's needed and to avoid costly complications down the road. They will also know if your planned project conforms to local building codes and zoning bylaws and help you get the necessary permits.

· Planning your project now means that it will be completed before the spring rush. And that, says Felton, is a good way to save money while adding value to your home.

**LOOK INSIDE...
 ...for your
 2003
 HANDY HINTS
 CALENDAR
 of savings!**



CLUB NEWS HOMEWORK

ICE MELTERS

CALCIUM HOT STUFF ICE MELTER

\$17 PER 15-LB. PAIL

MAG ICE MELTER

\$18.45 PER 13-LB. PAIL

Prices excluding taxes. Minimum two-pail order for delivery. Prices valid on orders placed and accepted between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

\$17
PER PAIL

SCHLAGE LOCKS

Save \$30 off the installation of two or more Schlage 660 Heavy Duty Dead Bolt Locks on orders placed and accepted between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

\$30 OFF

WINDOW BARS

Save \$30 off the installation of three or more security window bars, on orders placed and accepted between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

\$30 OFF

SEASONED FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD - 12 BAGS for only \$115* (excl. taxes)

KINDLING - 3 BAGS for only \$20*

*stacked in your garage- additional charges will apply if bags must be stacked behind a house, in a basement or up/down stairs. On orders placed and accepted between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

TREE PRUNING/REMOVAL

Save 10% off any tree pruning or tree removal order for January or February booked between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

10% OFF

DRAFTPROOFING

Save 10% on any weatherproofing order placed and accepted between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

10% OFF

WINDOW CLEANING

Save on window cleaning jobs over \$100 (excl. taxes), on orders placed and accepted between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

\$15 OFF

NEW WINDOWS

Save 10% on any window installation order over \$1,000 (taxes excl.) placed and accepted between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

10% OFF

PEST CONTROL

Save 10% on pest control orders placed and accepted between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

10% OFF

CARPET CLEANING

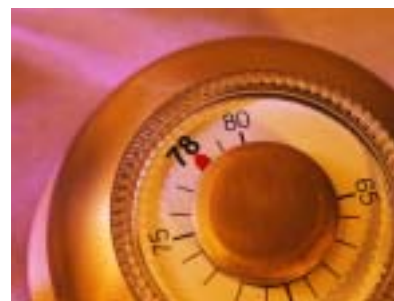
Save \$20 on any carpet cleaning or upholstery cleaning job over \$99.95 (excl. taxes) on orders placed and accepted between Dec. 1, 2002 and Jan. 31, 2003.

\$20 OFF

MANAGING ENERGY wisely requires regular MAINTENANCE

(NC)—Does the thought of paying high energy bills to keep your home warm this winter concern you? One of the keys to keeping costs down is to manage energy wisely! Here are a few easy ways to keep your heating equipment running efficiently, while reducing your heating costs.

- Have your furnace inspected and cleaned annually. Having a qualified service technician check your equipment will help ensure that your heating system works efficiently and safely and will not let you down when the temperature dips.
- Clean or replace filters regularly. Appliances with clogged filters have to work harder and use more energy.
- Keep clutter away from the furnace.
- Install a programmable thermostat which allows you to automatically adjust temperatures in your home.
- Use ceiling fans to circulate warm air away from ceilings.
- Have caulking and weather-stripping installed around doors and windows to stop heated air from escaping.



Call the Club & make your home ENERGY WISE!

TURKEY TIPS

- A 6.75 kilogram turkey (15 pounds) will serve eight to 10 people.
- The rule of thumb is to allow 20 minutes per pound of cooking time at 325°F.
- The turkey will be easier to carve if you let it stand for 15 to 20 minutes after cooking.

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Richard Felton, President
Homeservice Club



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2003

Homeservice Club's HANDY HINTS CALENDAR

DETACH AND SAVE

TIP:

Close the fridge door on a slip of paper. If it comes out easily, the door seal should be replaced.

JULY

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
SAVE ON HOME HEATING OIL!**

Don't delay—sign up today and start saving 5 cents a litre on home heating oil with the Club's Heating Oil Discount Plan.

TIP:

Keep garden tools rust-free by dipping in a pail of sand after use.

AUGUST

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
FURNACE CLEANING— Save \$24**

Have your furnace cleaned before the fall rush and save. Just \$75 (parts/taxes extra). Valid Aug. 1-31, 2003

TIP:

A 1/4" crack along the bottom of a door lets in as much cold air as a 3" hole in the wall.

SEPTEMBER

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
DRAFTPROOFING— \$15 OFF**

Save \$15 on caulking and weatherstripping jobs over \$100 this month. Valid Sept. 1-30, 2003

TIP:

Remember to clean eaves and clear out window wells before the snow flies.

OCTOBER

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
GARAGE DOOR TUNE-UP—\$75**

Have your garage door tuned this month before the cold weather ...and save! Valid Oct. 1-31, 2003

TIP:

Remember to drain garden hoses and other outdoor plumbing before the first freeze.

NOVEMBER

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
PREVENT ICE DAMAGE**

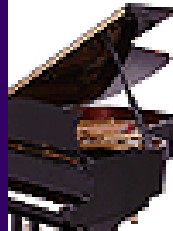
Eaves Cleaning—\$65 Price based on an average-sized bungalow with a walkable roof (approx. 1,200 sq. ft.) Valid Nov. 1-30, 2003

TIP:

Hang holiday lights with the bulbs pointing down to prevent moisture damage.

DECEMBER

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
TUNE UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

Piano tuning is ONLY \$49.95 (reg. \$69) Valid Dec. 1-31, 2003

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TIP:

Keep snow piles away from the foundation of your home and avoid piling near gas meters.

JANUARY

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
FURNACE/AC PLANS—SAVE \$30**

Save \$30 OFF the inspection fee when you sign up for the Club's Furnace/AC Protection Plans. Valid Jan. 1-31, 2003



TIP:

Turn the thermostat down to 68° during the day and 62° at night—and save 15% on your heating bill.

FEBRUARY

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
KITCHEN FAUCET SPECIAL**

Supplied/installed Moen II kitchen faucet (#77920—not as pictured) for only \$120. Save \$15. Valid Feb. 1-28, 2003



TIP:

Do you know where your home's main water shut-off is located? Mark it clearly and make sure it turns easily.

MARCH

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
10% OFF INTERIOR PAINTING**

Save 10% OFF all interior painting and wallpapering jobs. Valid Mar. 1-31, 2003



TIP:

Keep your drains flowing by mixing ½ cup of salt with a litre of warm water & pouring it down the sink every 2 weeks.

APRIL

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
CENTRAL AIR — \$25 OFF tune-up**

Central air tune-up only \$75.00 this month. Save \$25. Valid Apr. 1-30, 2003



TIP:

For a strong, healthy lawn, water thoroughly (1.5 to 3 cm) once a week between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m.

MAY

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
CHIMNEY CLEANING—SAVE \$10**

Have your chimney cleaned this month for only \$74.95 (based on average two-storey home). Valid May 1-31, 2003



TIP:

Cool your home efficiently by keeping the temperature 7° cooler than outdoors.

JUNE

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**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL—
DOORS/WINDOWS—\$200 OFF**

Save \$200 on replacement windows and doors, on orders over \$1,500 (taxes excluded). Valid June 1-30, 2003



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