



# CLUB NEWS

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## SUMMER CHECKLIST

✓ Keep your air-conditioner humming and working efficiently with regular maintenance during the summer months. Keep the filters clean: change or clean filters every month during the summer. Keep your thermostat seven degrees lower than the outdoor air temperature for ideal cooling.

✓ Now is the time to have your chimney cleaned and inspected. A dirty chimney will produce odour during the warm weather. Cleaning it now also gives you time to make any needed repairs before the heating season.

✓ Check that attic fans, kitchen and bathroom fans and roof-mounted turbine vents are operating efficiently. A well-ventilated home will save you energy dollars and increase your comfort level.



# ADD VALUE to your HOME with Basement Renovation

Maximizing the potential living space in your basement is one of the best value-added renovations a homeowner can undertake. With a payback value of more than 50 per cent, the real payback is in the added enjoyment of the space created.

Here are some of the most popular value-added basement reno projects:

**Additional bathroom**  
Spa-type bathrooms, with luxurious whirlpool baths or soaker tubs, are gaining in popularity. If you have the space, incorporate a sauna or an adjoining workout room to complete your home spa.

**Home Offices**  
With more and more people telecommuting and self-employed, a well-designed home office is a definite selling feature. Choose a location as far away from the hub of family life as possible, and make sure that your renovation includes soundproofing. Proper lighting is essential for a basement office. Include lots of re-

cessed fixtures and task lighting to ensure a bright working area. Remember to include upgraded electrical requirements in your planning. Computers, fax

machines, photocopiers and lighting will probably require an extra circuit.

**Home Theatre**  
If you've been yearning for  
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*Turning unused space in the basement into a family room is one renovation that will add value to your home.*

## BEFORE YOU START...

Before you begin your basement renovation, it is essential to fix any moisture or drainage problems. Here are some of the common problems to watch out for:

- Foundation cracks that leak
- Standing water
- Efflorescence (white, chalky stains) on walls
- Wet, decaying wood in contact with concrete
- Damp or mouldy walls or floor
- Condensation on windows, pipes and other fixtures
- Wet insulation
- Moisture-damaged finishes
- Musty or damp carpets
- High humidity
- Stuffy, damp smells

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*With the popularity of large-screen televisions, basement home theatres are becoming a popular basement renovation.*

## Transform your basement

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one of those large-screen televisions with surround-sound, you can create a home theatre in your basement. It's the easiest area of the house to sound-proof, you can have it as dark as a movie theatre and there is the space to accommodate seating at the proper distance (10 feet or more, depending on the size of the screen).

### Playroom

The basement has always been a popular location for the playroom for children of all ages, from tots to teens. For young children, use a floor surface that cleans easily and can handle ride on-toy traffic. As they grow, carpeting is a good choice for its comfort and sound-proofing qualities.

### Family room

Combining a couple of rooms into one can make your basement a spacious and inviting place. Add to the ambiance and heat-efficiency by installing a zero-clearance fireplace. They are available in styles ranging from modern to traditional and are an ideal way to add warmth to your new space.

Whatever your choice, the entrance to your basement should say "Welcome," with lots of light, soft carpeting and interesting architectural details. Use a combination of recessed light, task lighting and indirect lighting to create a warm and cosy atmosphere for working and relaxing this winter.

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## DECK Designs

# Thinking outside of the box

Decks are a practical way to extend your living space beyond the back door. Today's deck designs go beyond the rectangular, to complement a home's landscape and the owner's lifestyle. Consider these design options:

**Wraparound** - A small house with a flat lot or gentle grade can be enhanced with a wraparound deck. Not only will it make the house seem larger, it allows access from more than one room.

**L-shaped** - An L-shaped deck is a natural addition to an L-shaped house. It can also put unused side yards to use, and can be accessed from more than one room. A pond or fountain is an ideal fit for this type of deck.

**Pocket Patios** - A small deck or patio tucked off in a corner can serve as a quiet, backyard retreat. Incorporate the pocket

patio into an arbour or surround it with a pond or rockery, to create a natural focal point in your yard.

**Multilevel** - Building varying levels into your deck design adds interest and flexibility. A multilevel deck is also ideal for sites where there are changes in elevation. Hot tubs and gazebos can be included in a multilevel design.

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# GARDENING without pain!

According to Statistics Canada, gardening and yard work is Canadians' second-favourite form of physical activity - second only to walking. But, like any form of exercise, gardening can bring on aches and pains if not performed with care. The good news: the phrase "no pain, no gain" doesn't have to apply to your time in the garden. Here are some tools and tips to consider that will help make your gardening strain-free.



- Invest in a good wheelbarrow or similar device that will allow you to move soil and plants without heavy lifting.
- Look for tools with ergonomically designed handles, which can adjust to fit both all hand sizes.

- Remember when buying shovels, rakes and similar implements, to choose those that match your height - buying them too long or short will make them harder to use and increase muscle stress.

- Invest in knee pads - a must-have if you spend a lot of time planting.

- News Canada

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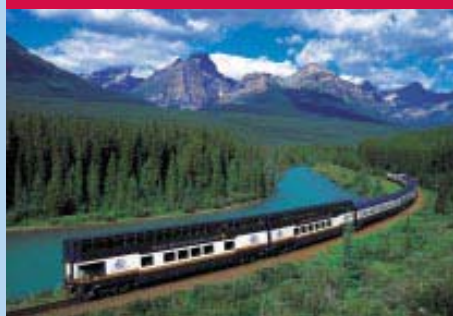


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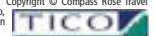
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