



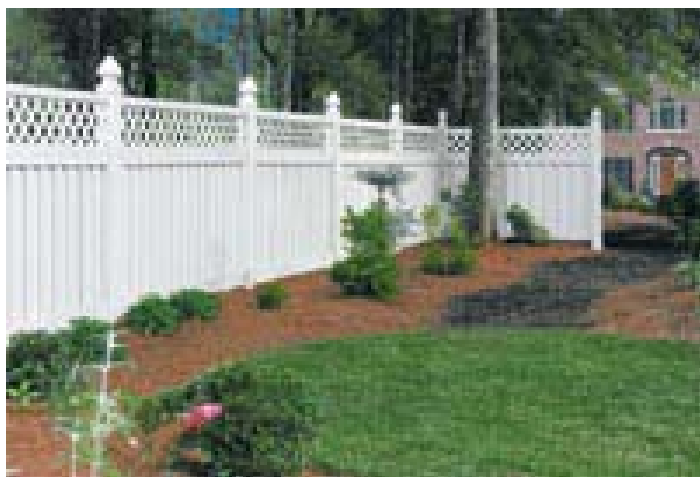
CLUB NEWS

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GET YOUR HOME READY FOR WINTER

- ✓ Fire up your furnace to make sure that it is operational before the first cold snap. Book an appointment to have it professionally cleaned and safety-checked this month.
- ✓ Chimney cleaning should be on your fall list if it hasn't been done in a couple of years. If you heat with wood, cleaning should be done at least once a year, prior to start-up.
- ✓ When the last of the leaves have fallen, have your eaves-troughs cleaned. This is essential to prevent ice damming and winter roof damage when the freeze-thaw cycle sets in.
- ✓ Make sure that your fireplace is clean and in working order for the season ahead. Check for cracks in the firebox and make sure that the damper opens smoothly and closes snugly.
- ✓ Check the bottoms of doors for a snug threshold seal or door sweep.



VINYL FENCING Discovering a great divide

Vinyl fences are increasingly replacing wooden systems as homeowners discover their many advantages.

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annual maintenance schedule of staining, painting and repair for traditional fencing is nonexistent. Vinyl products will not rot or split, and there are no splinters or nails to cause abrasions. Vinyl simply offers superior weathering ability and resists stains, and is unaffected by salt and other snow removal chemicals.



Under normal and proper use, such products will not peel, rot, pit, blister, rust, flake or corrode. A vinyl fence is a long-term investment that dramatically improves the external appearance of a house.



Winter best for interior renos!

If you are planning an interior renovation, don't wait until spring - talk to a Homeservice Club contractor now!

Fall is the time to shop for renovation quotes, for work to be done in the early winter months.

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TUNE-UPS INCREASE EFFICIENCY: Not only will a well-maintained system run more efficiently, the technician can pinpoint potential problems before they become costly and inconvenient repairs.

FURNACE FACTS

Buying energy-efficient furnace a giant step in cutting costs

You probably already know that your furnace uses more energy than any other household appliance. You can take a giant step toward controlling your heating bill by buying the most energy-efficient furnace you can find.

Here are some questions to consider before buying a furnace:

- How big a furnace do you need? You can reduce the amount of energy it takes to heat your home by air sealing and adding insulation to your home. If you take these steps before you size your new furnace, you may find that you can buy a smaller, more inexpensive unit that works more efficiently and cuts your heating bills.
- How well is your heat distribution system working? Follow manufacturers' instructions for the maintenance of your system. You should also clean and replace any filters in your system or equipment about once a month during the heating season.
- What can you expect to pay for different kinds of fuel? Your local suppliers of oil, natural gas, electricity, propane and firewood should be able to tell you the cost of delivering fuel to your door.
- Which type of furnace is the most efficient? Older oil and natural gas furnaces capture about 60 per cent of the heat in the energy they burn, but the latest models can achieve 83 to 89 per cent efficiency for oil, and 89 to 96 per cent efficiency for gas. The best propane furnaces are 87 to 94 per cent efficient, and many wood stoves reach levels of 70 to 80 per cent efficiency. Heat pumps reach efficiencies as high as 260 per cent. Energy Star® qualified furnaces are the most energy efficient on the market today. (NC)

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What's Your Colour IQ?

1. A dark colour makes a room look smaller.
True [] False []
2. Yellows and yellow-creams make a room feel brighter.
True [] False []
3. Colours other than white will 'bring a ceiling down.'
True [] False []
4. It is important to match paint colours on walls to fabrics in a room as closely as possible.
True [] False []
5. Highly contrasting colours used on the exterior of a house will make a home look larger.
True [] False []

Answers: (1) False, (2) True, (3) False, (4) False, (5) False

Courtesy of Benjamin Moore- News Canada

KITCHENS take a DRAMATIC turn

Kitchens are taking on a bolder, more dramatic look for 2004. Here are a few of the trends to watch:

- Stainless-steel appliances remain a popular choice, as are integrated models which blend into the cabinetry.
- Exotic woods are big in cabinetry, with blacks and browns lending a warmth not seen in the all-white kitchens of the past.
- Non-traditional materials such as cork, leather and soap-stone are also emerging in the kitchen of 2004.

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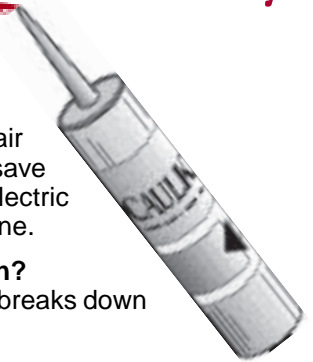
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Draftproofing & Weatherstripping

Plugging the leaks saves money

Having a professional contractor inspect your home's caulking, weatherstripping and insulation is the first step in reducing air leaks in your house. And that can save you up to 25 per cent on your electric heating bill, according to Hydro One.



Where is the cold air coming in?

Generally, air leakage in a house breaks down like this:

- 25% - Basement sill plate (where the wood frame meets the foundation)
- 20% - Exterior electrical outlets
- 13% - Windows
- 13% - Pipe and wire entrances
- 10% - Vents
- 7% - Baseboards, light fixtures, electrical outlets and attic hatches
- 6% - Exterior doors
- 6% - Fireplaces

Find the leaks

Check doors and windows closely to see if you can feel drafts. If you can, they're not fitting tightly enough. Check that exhaust fans close properly and are sealed around the edges. If you have a fireplace, the damper should be closed when not in use.

Lock up chilly leaks with caulking

Some of the areas in your home that should be caulked include:

- Basements - where joists penetrate the foundation, around windows and doors, around floor drains.
 - Main floor - around windows, doors, fireplaces, exhaust fans and vents, around electrical outlets and ceiling light fixtures, along trim and baseboards, along any joints where wood frame walls join masonry walls.
- Now, weatherstrip!**
- Weatherstrip outlets and switches with foam gaskets.
 - Install child safety plugs on electrical outlets.
 - Weatherstrip around windows.
 - Insulate behind door and window trim, where possible, and then caulk.

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