



# HOMESERVICE CLUB

SUMMER 2019

QUARTERLY

## SAVINGS AND MORE

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In addition to hundreds of home repair services, the combined buying power of 50,000+ homeowners means Club members also enjoy special group savings on everything from home and auto insurance, home heating oil, home appliance and heating/cooling warranty plans and much more.

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For anything - we do it all.

From roofing to waterproofing, with 24/7 Emergency service at regular rates and every project is backed by our Double Guarantee.

### July

**Save \$600**

**Kitchen Renovations**

minimum \$8000

valid July 1.19 - Aug 15.19\*

**Save \$175**

**Electrical Panel Upgrade**

minimum \$2000

valid July 1.19 - Aug 15.19\*

**Save \$175**

**Masonry and Tuckpointing**

minimum \$2000

valid July 1.19 - Aug 15.19\*

**Save \$25**

**Handyman Services**

minimum \$250

valid July 1.19 - Aug 15.19\*

### August

**Save \$600**

**Bathroom Renovations**

minimum \$8000

valid Aug 1.19 - Sept 15.19\*

**Save \$25**

**Garage Door Openers**

minimum \$250

valid Aug 1.19 - Sept 15.19\*

**Save \$95**

**Garage Door Replacement**

minimum \$1000

valid Aug 1.19 - Sept 15.19\*

**Save \$175**

**Waterproofing**

minimum \$2000

valid Aug 1.19 - Sept 15.19\*

### September

**Save \$195**

**Window Replacement**

minimum \$2500

valid Sept 1.19 - Oct 15.19\*

**Save \$600**

**Basement Renovations**

minimum \$8000

valid Sept 1.19 - Oct 15.19\*

**Save \$25**

**Faucet Replacement**

minimum \$250

valid Sept 1.19 - Oct 15.19\*

**Save \$25**

**Duct Cleaning**

minimum \$250

valid Sept 1.19 - Oct 15.19\*

\* All work must be done by Homeservice-authorized contractors. These coupons have no cash value. One coupon per job, per member. Not valid with any other offers or coupons. All orders must be placed and accepted within the specified time frame to qualify for the discount



## OPEN AIR ENTERTAINING!

*Whether you're planning a small get-together for family or friends or hosting a party for a crowd, here are some tips to make your outdoor gathering colourful and add a bit of fun!*

- Light up the area with clear miniature lights. You can string them from trees, deck railings, arrange them on the buffet table and even lay them in flowerbeds. Make it fuss-free and invest in solar versions.
- Use hurricane lanterns or candles in glass jars for additional lighting that won't blow out in a breeze.
- Group small potted plants together as decorations and plant them after the party is over. Or consider sending them home with your guests as party favours.



### ENJOY THE PARTY!

- Be creative and chill refreshments in an ice-filled metal tub, kiddie pool or wheelbarrow. Make sure you have plenty of water on hand!!
- Serve snacks in napkin-lined flowerpots, baskets or small metal tins.
- Have a second barbecue on hand for large gatherings and don't forget a back-up propane tank.
- Make sure to leave meats chilled until it's time to put them on the grill and ensure they are fully cooked before serving.
- Set up more than one food station to keep your guests moving. Placing food and beverages under a canopy, awning or tree gives guests an opportunity to take a break from the sun.
- Make sure to keep salads properly chilled and discard any food that's been sitting out for more than 2 hours. If it's over 90 degrees outside, toss it sooner.
- Don't forget to dig out that summer playlist and set up your outdoor speakers.
- Keep plenty of insect repellent, sunscreen and hand sanitizer on hand. Have a first-aid kit nearby including treatment for bee stings and bug bites.

## TAKE A LOOK INSIDE



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### Keep Safe

*The summer months are prime time for break-ins. We've got tips to help protect your home!*



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### The Power of Curb Appeal

*Adding curb appeal can increase your home value 3% – 5% according to Consumer Reports*



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### Best Investments

*Do you know how to get the most bang for your renovation buck?*

### GOING GREEN PAYS OFF

In addition to home upgrades, there are several other ways to save energy and lower your utility bill.

During the summer months, set your thermostat to 25°C (77°F) or higher, and use ceiling or table fans to help circulate air.

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▼ **Timely Service**  
“I felt as though our job, which was quite small, was a priority. Other companies, which I contacted on my own, took a long time to reply to my request and could not meet my schedule for the service. Through Homeservice Club, Tanner responded quickly to my request and worked diligently to find a convenient time to do the job.”  
- B.Y. Member #716109

Rest easy, knowing that all Homeservice Club authorized contractors are licensed, bonded and insured with all work protected by our exclusive **Double Guarantee!**



Tip

## KEEP SAFE FROM SUMMER BREAK-INS

*While it's tough to know if your home will be targeted by burglars this summer, there are many things you can do to keep your home safe during this season, even if you're not planning to travel.*

- Make it hard for burglars to break into your home by using dead-bolt door and window locks and make it noisy by investing in a burglar alarm with a siren. You may qualify for a discount on your home insurance.
- Don't forget to make sure your garage is properly secured and keep your tool shed locked to keep tools and ladders safe from would-be intruders.
- Keep your home well lit. Install motion detecting outdoor lighting to deter potential burglars, making sure it is mounted out of reach. Using indoor lights on a timer will help make it look as though someone is home.
- If you will be away, keep valuables hidden away in a safe place and consider keeping copies of important documents at a second location.
- Wait until you return before posting holiday photos on social media.

## I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CHECKED THE CONDITION OF YOUR WINDOWS?**

Homes that are over 20 years old with the original windows are typically due for an upgrade, but there are some easy ways to check.

How do you know when it is time to replace your windows?

### Condensation

Do you regularly see fog or condensation building up on your windows? You will need to analyze which kind of condensation you are dealing with because not all condensation is bad. Depending on where it is appearing on the window, it may not be a cause for concern. However, if you do see condensation in between the panes of glass, this is almost always a sure sign that your windows' seals have failed and it's time to replace them.

### Leaky Windows

Two of the most common reasons why windows leak are poor installation or a failed sealed unit. Moisture can build up on your windows, creating an increased risk of mold. Repairs are only a short term solution for this problem - the only way to truly fix leaking windows is to replace them.

### Open and Shut

Walk around your home to open and close each window to check for smooth operation. If they require a bit of force and pressure to open or if they're painted or swollen shut, it's time to replace them. Wood windows are particularly known for this. Opening your windows should not be a chore or a source of exercise, they should open and close effortlessly.

### Decaying Frames

One of the clearest signs that you need to replace your windows are decaying window frames. As wooden window frames are exposed to moisture, they can begin to go on a downward spiral. Built up moisture can also cause more serious decay down the road, causing severe safety issues. If you notice that your window frames show signs of decay, this is a sign that your windows are in serious need of an upgrade.

You may be ready for the long hot summer, but is your home? Read on for some tips to get your house ready inside and out so you can really enjoy it.

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## WAYS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER

### COOLER LIGHTING

Replace older incandescent bulbs with energy-efficient LED's that give off far less heat and can help reduce your electricity bill.

### CEILING FANS - DOUBLE DUTY

Consider installing ceiling fans – even if you have air conditioning. They can provide you with a refreshing breeze AND save you up to 40 percent on summer cooling costs.

### APPLIANCES

Consider replacing older appliances with new energy-efficient models to reduce heat output. Save energy by locating refrigerators or freezers away from vents, stoves, radiators or direct sunlight, and regularly defrosting your freezer.

### SHADE PLANTING

Plant shade trees to shield windows from the hot summer sun, particularly on the south and west sides of your property.

### WINDOW TREATMENTS

Awnings can reduce solar heat gain in summer by up to 65% on south-facing windows and 77% on west-facing windows. Lighter colours reflect more sunlight for greater efficiency. Keep your curtains or drapes closed on hot summer days, particularly when facing the sun.

### CLOSE THE GAP

Fixing air leaks can help you save 5-10% on your energy bill. Easy fixes are weather-stripping, caulking and spray foam. Look for gaps around windows and doors, around chimneys and attic doors, around plumbing as it enters a room, and areas around electrical outlets, boxes and any other openings cut into a wall.

### HOME SPA

Treat yourself to a new rain-style showerhead and enjoy a cooling shower on those hot summer days. Home centers have many models to choose from and most are easy to attach to existing plumbing.

### LOVE YOUR GRILL

If your BBQ has seen better days, consider replacing it with a natural gas unit and have a dedicated gas supply line installed. No more dealing with propane tanks and running out before dinner is ready.

### USE YOUR MICROWAVE

Unfortunately, not everything can be cooked outside on the grill. Instead of using your stove, use your microwave and save on energy and keep the heat down indoors.

### CONSIDER A SMART THERMOSTAT

You can program it to turn off the A/C when you leave and come on automatically before you return, saving money and energy all day long! Many models can now be controlled from your smartphone!



## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR INVESTMENT

*There are two main reasons for renovating:* improving your current home based on personal needs, and adding value to your home. Knowing what's likely to give the biggest boost to your selling price is good. But knowing which renovation project delivers the most bang for your buck is better. The Appraisal Institute of Canada offers some guidance on which renovations to pick.

### KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS AND BASEMENTS - OH MY!



Tip

### The Power of Curb Appeal

Homebuyers are more excited about touring a home that looks inviting on the outside than one that is sad and dreary. Even if you aren't looking to sell, imagine how much happier you'd be to come home to a well-maintained exterior. Lower cost updates have huge visual impact while sparing your wallet. Consider replacing light fixtures, updating garage door hardware, or sprucing up your landscaping with colourful blooms. Remember, maintenance is a must; nothing looks worse from the curb than hanging gutters, missing bricks from the front step or peeling paint. Not only can these deferred maintenance items damage your home - but they can decrease it's value and cost you more in the long run

- **Kitchen:** Upgrades such as granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, new fixtures, lighting or other minor aesthetic changes can go a long way. Kitchen facelifts will generally give you a **75%-100% ROI**.
- **Bathroom:** Similar to the kitchen, the washrooms in your home offer a **75%-100% ROI**. Even if you don't want to completely replace the tub and shower, new state-of-the-art showerheads, faucets, and other small renovations can really make a difference.
- **Energy Upgrades:** An upgrade with a longer lifespan like a new forced-air furnace or A/C can offer up to a **75% ROI**. New windows and doors land you in the same ballpark. These upgrades can also help lower your home operating costs and might score you a green energy rebate come tax time!
- **It's not all about ROI:** What about bells and whistles? If you're torn between the theatre room and the 6 car garage, go for the theatre room. You'll enjoy it more and it will have a broader appeal if you decide to sell.