

# HOMESERVICE CLUB

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## SPRING HOME FIX-ME UPS

*This time of year, many people have a spring cleaning list that they like to tackle. This year, why not think about a spring renovation list?* In addition to bigger inside projects like a basement renovation or upgrading a kitchen or bathroom, there are plenty of other home renovation possibilities that are perfect for the spring.

**Perk Up Your Porch** - Replace boring concrete with clay tile. Replace plain posts with carved columns and top off the transformation with a new stair rail for a whole new look.

### What a Difference A Drip Makes -

Rusty, leaky faucets do nothing to enhance the style of your kitchen or bath. Replace bathroom taps with matching sink and tub faucets for a brand new look. Add shiny new kitchen faucets or upgrade to a stylish pullout or pull-down faucet and marvel at the difference this small change can make in your space.



## CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE YOUR SPRING REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS

**Replace Interior Doors and Woodwork** - Replace run-of-the-mill slab interior doors with colonial-style models. Add new knobs and hinges for an instant update. Team the doors with new moldings and baseboards to give your home a new, warmer look.

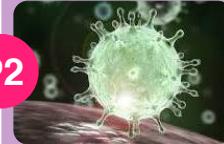
**Add a Garden** - This spring, plant a tree, add a perennial garden, install a rock garden, spruce up a deck, or put in a pond. You'll be rewarded with a great place to enjoy the summer months – not to mention increased property value.

**Put Your Best Face Forward** - Paint the door a bold new colour, add a brass kickplate and new door hardware for eye-catching appeal. If your front door is beyond repair, replace it with an energy-efficient steel model for elegance and durability. Ditch the old mailbox and add some new light fixtures for an entrance that says "Welcome!"

**Put Your Best Face Forward** - Paint your garage door in a colour that complements the exterior of your home to complete the look! If it's looking shabby, start shopping for a new one!

## TAKE A LOOK INSIDE

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### Keep Safe

◀ **COVID-19 is spread from person to person** - There are steps you can take to protect yourself and others

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### It's Here!

◀ **Pay for your jobs by e-Transfer** - look inside for details

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### Soundproofing Solutions

◀ **Stay sane** - there could be an easy fix for your restless sleep

## SEASONAL REMINDER

There are a number of companies that use the words "Home Service" or "Home Services" when making phone calls soliciting business. Duct cleaning in particular has a reputation for these types of calls. Please be assured that neither our contractors or staff make phone calls to solicit your business. If you receive a phone call of this nature please try to capture the phone number and let us know. There are a number of impersonators out there, but there is only one Homeservice Club.

▼ **Great Service  
Great Job**

*“Nick came to us through the Homeservice Club. He is very polite and personable and is quite skilled in his trade. Nick consulted with us, made recommendations but left the final decisions to us. We are extremely pleased with the final outcome. This bathroom should be on display, it looks so amazing.”*

- K.B. Member #706295

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



**Tip**



## STAY HEALTHY STAY SAFE

*At the time of publication there is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The situation is rapidly developing and this information may be outdated at the time of receipt. For the most up to date information go to*

[www.PublicHealthOntario.ca](http://www.PublicHealthOntario.ca)

Protect Yourself and Others

- Wash your hands often. If soap and water are not available use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and keep 6 feet away from others
- Avoid all non-essential travel
- Stay home if you are sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily
- Follow all recommendations regarding self-isolation

If you start to experience symptoms or have questions or concerns about your health, call your local public health unit, primary care provider, or Telehealth Ontario at

**1-866-797-0000**

## ROUND-UP: DRIVEWAY MATERIALS

### OPTIONS FOR EVERY LIFESTYLE

Spring has sprung, and as the weather warms up you'll start noticing the damage Jack Frost left on your driveway: cracks or potholes in your asphalt, cracked or crumbling concrete or pavers, or dips in your interlock driveway. It's crucial to nip things in the bud before spring and summer rain turns minor damage into a major headache. Read on to see how to repair and protect your driveway so it can stay functional and attractive for years to come!

### *Concrete*

Caulk and seal any cracks that you find in your driveway, and seal any damaged expansion joints. Concrete re-surfacer can be used to level out any low spots, or to put a "new face" on damaged concrete. Lift up any areas that have begun to sink lower than the rest of the driveway, and re-seal your driveway every three to five years.

### *Asphalt*

Patch any potholes and fill in any low areas you find on your driveway, and repair any cracks. Pull any weeds along the edge of the driveway, and clean up the edges with an edging tool or hoe. If weed encroachment is a problem, consider installing edging material along your driveway, such as rubber mulch with a weed-proof mat underneath. Seal-coat your driveway every one to three years, and keep it clean and free of damaging growths such as moss and lichen in between applications.

### *Interlock*

A basic power washer is sufficient to remove most stains and debris. Be sure to clear all unwanted fragments between the joints. After cleaning the driveway/walkway/patio, pour polymeric sand onto the pavers and sweep it around with a broom to provide more stability. The sand will fall into the joints filling the gaps. Mist the pavers with water so the polymeric sand can settle and keep the stones in place.

### *Insider Info*

Asphalt often requires the least initial investment when it comes to driveway paving. It is the most economical material available. However, the cost to maintain and repair surpasses other choices. With interlock pavers there may be a higher price tag, but the cost to keep it looking as great as when it was first installed is minimal. Concrete driveways can last over twenty years with limited maintenance, but this material is prone to staining and is more difficult to repair than interlock.

Before you get started on your flooring project, it pays to do a little research on the different kinds of flooring and learn about their costs and benefits. Then, you can find a floor that fits both your space and your budget.

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## FANTASTIC FLOORING OPTIONS

### WOOD

Wood flooring is best for spaces that don't get lots of traffic, such as living rooms, halls, and bedrooms.

### ENGINEERED WOOD

Engineered wood can work well in all the same spaces as solid wood. In addition, it's suitable for basements and enclosed porches.

### BAMBOO

Bamboo flooring works in all the same places as wood. It's suitable for living areas, hallways, and bedrooms. However, it may not be sturdy enough to use in a kitchen or mudroom.

### PORCELAIN TILE

Porcelain tile is the best choice for high-traffic areas, such as kitchens and mudrooms, as well as for wet rooms such as baths and laundry rooms. It's also ideal for an enclosed porch or sunroom.

### LAMINATE

Laminate is a good material for high-traffic areas, such as kitchens, foyers, and playrooms. It's best to avoid this material in wet rooms as it can be slippery and can warp easily.

### VINYL

Vinyl is appropriate for kitchens, baths, and other wet rooms. It's also suitable for rooms that get a lot of traffic, such as mudrooms. Make sure to look for eco-friendly, phthalate free options.

### LINOLEUM

Less water tolerant than vinyl, linoleum flooring is a good choice in living spaces such as dens, kitchens, and family rooms. Dry bedrooms or basements are also a good fit.

### CORK

Cork can work in bedrooms, kitchens, playrooms, and living areas. It's not suitable for wet rooms such as bathrooms or high-traffic areas such as mudrooms. Cork is vulnerable to moisture, tears, and dents and needs to be resealed periodically to protect it from stains and water damage.

### CARPET

Carpet is most appropriate for areas such as bedrooms and living rooms, where less dirt gets tracked in and nothing is likely to be spilled on it. This is an excellent flooring choice because it feels soft and warm underfoot. It's also quiet, slip-resistant, and fairly easy to install.

### CONCRETE

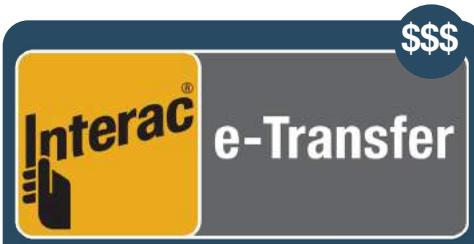
Easy to clean, plus flood and fire-resistant, polished concrete flooring is ideal for high-traffic areas and industrial-style interiors. It can be re-buffed to restore shine if necessary.



## SOUND-PROOF SLEEP

Sleep plays a vital role in promoting physical health, longevity, and emotional well-being. Without adequate sleep, judgment, mood, and the ability to learn and retain information are weakened. Chronic sleep deprivation may also lead to obesity, diabetes, and heart disease according to Dr. Mark Berber, co-director of the Centre for Neuropsychiatric Study (Markham Stouffville Health Center).

### ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP IS A QUIET ENVIRONMENT



### New Payment Options Available

We are pleased to announce that our members are now able to pay for all repairs and renovations with Interac E-Transfer!

All payments should be sent to [jobs@homeserviceclub.com](mailto:jobs@homeserviceclub.com)

Be sure to include your RO# and Membership# in the space for additional comments. This information can be located at the top of your Homeservice Club Contract.

If you have any question, please call the office at 416-925-1111.

The ability for something to reduce the amount of sound that passes through it is measured in STC or Sound Transmission Class - it is expressed on a scale of 0-100 (100 being completely soundproof). A typical house with brick walls has an STC of ~60-65 while standard thermal windows have an STC of 27-29 - this means the majority of the noise you hear in your home is coming through your windows.

We can help with that.

Homeservice Club is pleased to offer a window soundproofing system, which can **reduce noise by 65% or more without replacing your existing windows**. A perfect solution for noisy condos! In addition to being available in a wide variety of colours to suit any decor, this system can be easily removed or made to be fully operational, which allows for easy cleaning without impeding the use of your existing windows!

Are you ready to get your sleep back? Give us a call today for more information and a free estimate.



## SAVINGS AND MORE

*Visit Our Website*

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.

*Call Our Office*

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 exclusive Double Guarantee.

**April**

**Save 10%  
Carpet Installation**

minimum \$500  
valid Apr 1.20 - May 15.20\*

**Save \$25  
Spring Yard  
Clean Up**

minimum \$250  
valid Apr 1.20 - May 15.20\*

**Save \$195  
Interlock/Concrete/  
Asphalt Driveways**

minimum \$2500  
valid Apr 1.20 - May 15.20\*

**Save \$195  
Window  
Replacement**

minimum \$2500  
valid Apr 1.20 - May 15.20\*

**May**

**Save \$25  
Duct Cleaning**

minimum \$250  
valid May 1.20 - June 15.20\*

**Save \$10  
Air Conditioning  
Tune Up**

regular price \$99  
valid May 1.20 - June 15.20\*

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Installation**

minimum \$2000  
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Wooden &  
Composite Decks**

minimum \$2500  
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**June**

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minimum \$2500  
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minimum \$2500  
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Exterior  
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