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FRIENDLY FURNACE TIPS

Owning a home is a huge responsibility – and certainly not a cheap one. That's why it's so important to get the most out of every appliance and system in your home. Homeowner maintenance is crucial in ensuring this happens. Here are a few of our favourite tips for keeping your home's heating system running smoothly all winter.

Adjust Your Thermostat

Install a programmable thermostat. They offer multiple settings for different times of the day allowing you to keep your house warm and cozy while saving money.

Check And Replace Filters

We all need air to breathe and your furnace does too. Don't forget to check and replace any filters to allow for proper airflow. If your furnace isn't getting enough air, it has to work harder, which can shorten its lifespan.

ONLY 42% OF HOMEOWNERS CALL A PROFESSIONAL TO PERFORM ROUTINE MAINTENANCE FURNACES THAT RECEIVE REGULAR MAINTENANCE LAST 40% LONGER*

(*NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC)

Keep Vents Clear

In about 10 minutes you can take a walk around your home to identify where all your vents are located. Then simply make sure nothing is blocking them. If a vent is blocked by furniture, move it. Keeping vents clear allows for even distribution of warm air throughout your home.

Annual Furnace Maintenance

Having a qualified professional take a look at your furnace once every year is always a good investment. They can identify small problems early preventing large bills later on. Yes, some people feel comfortable performing their own maintenance, but we don't recommend that without previous training or experience.



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We're with you every step of the way! Helpful tips inside - How to protect your Double Guarantee!

SEASONAL REMINDER

There are a number of companies that use the words "Home Service" or "Home Services" when making calls soliciting business. Duct cleaning service and HVAC inspections number in the top most frequently reported telephone scams. Rest assured that we do NOT make phone calls to solicit your business. If you do receive a call of this nature, try to capture the number and name of the calling party and let us know. Remember, you can call us directly when you need service of any kind! After all, there is only one Homeservice Club

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- K. M. Member #81393



Tip



IT'S NOT OVER TILL IT'S OVER

We're all tired of being home, and while we're starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel, lockdown restrictions are still tight in many parts of the country.

As medical experts will tell you, we're still far from the finish line.

**For the most current information please consult:
www.PublicHealthOntario.ca**

Our communities have been through a lot over the last year, and all of us are looking forward to resuming our normal habits and routines.

That being said, although infections have dropped, the Delta and Mu variants as well as others are causing a resurgence. Scientific evidence shows that being fully vaccinated is one of the most effective ways to keep you from getting and spreading the virus. COVID-19 vaccines also help keep you from getting seriously ill and reduce risk of hospitalization even if you do get COVID-19.

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

WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

STYLE FILES - 2021 FLOORING TRENDS

Installing a new floor is one of the more expensive home improvement projects you'll undertake. With so many choices—hardwood, laminate, engineered wood, vinyl, tile—where do you begin? Budget is certain to factor into your decision, and style plays a role, especially if you're updating with an eye towards selling. You should also consider how much foot traffic, sunlight, and wear and tear your flooring will endure. To help you decide what type of flooring will work best for your situation, here are some of our favourite flooring trends this year.

Eco Friendly Flooring

The recycled flooring trend is hot all around this year. Carpet is at the forefront of this movement, almost all carpet is now being made from recycled materials, at least in part. You'll see various types of recycled materials, such as plastic soda bottles and even fishing nets. Carpet itself is also designed to be more recyclable, saving a portion of the 3.5 billion pounds of carpet tossed each year.

Decorative Patterns

While natural looks are still big, more and more people are starting to search out decorative flooring with some fun and personality. Geometric patterns are huge in tile, carpet, and vinyl right now, and that trend will keep growing. Be on the lookout for decorative and graphic styles like parquet patterns and classic trellis designs.

High Colour Variation

High colour variation is trending in wood (and wood looks) as well as tile. Wood looks typically feature colour variation between planks, whereas high variation in tile typically refers to the amount of colour variation in each plank. In nature, stone and wood aren't so uniform; there are all kinds of inconsistencies, and homeowners love the natural, rustic look that higher colour variation provides.

Black and White

Speaking of high variation, expect black and white flooring to stick around. This vintage look is growing more popular, especially with tile. Black and white floors might often be paired with bright accent colours in smaller spaces. It's a classic colour choice that can work with modern looks as well as vintage. Black and white has never fully gone out of style, consider this for big impact.

Wide Planks

This is one trend you can expect to see every year in every style for the foreseeable future. Longer, wider planks make your rooms look larger, more open, and less busy. They make modern homes look more contemporary and older homes more rustic and authentic. This will soon become a classic staple that will last the test of time.

Blonde Tones

For years, lighter floors were viewed as outdated or inexpensive. That is no longer the case. Not by a long shot! As more homeowners embrace the light, airy feel in their homes, you will see a huge resurgence in blonde wood (and wood-look) floors. The blonde wood look will become a trend-turned-classic soon, with a preference for cooler tones instead of aggressive yellows.

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DESIGN TIPS FOR A SMALL BATHROOM

CORNER SINK

Sometimes, even pedestal sinks are too big. In very small bathrooms, a sink configured to fit in a corner can be the ideal space-saving option.

SLIDING DOORS

Shower doors that pivot on hinges may not work for small bathrooms. Instead, use sliding glass doors to create a bright, open aesthetic. With large glass panels and hardware to match your bathroom, sliding shower doors provide a beautiful, seamless look.

ROUNDED CORNERS

In tight spaces sharp corners can be hazardous. A vanity with rounded corners can help prevent bruised hips and elbows.

EXTEND THE COUNTER

A little extra counter space created when the vanity counter extends over the adjacent toilet can be surprisingly effective. If you're not a fan of this style floating shelves can serve a similar purpose.

LARGE SCALE PATTERNS

Large squares, wide stripes, and other large patterns can fool the eye and make spaces seem larger. This affordable change can have a huge impact in a small space - just be careful not to have too many contrasting motifs.

MIRRORED WALLS

In tight spaces, having a mirror occupy most of the entire wall behind the vanity can help two people use it at once. A slim frame can help prevent this from looking dated.

USE THE DOORS

Mount the towel bar on the door. When space is limited, mounting it on the shower door or the back of the entry door keeps towels within easy reach.

TROUGH SINKS

Many people want a double vanity in their bathroom, but don't have the square footage to accommodate that. Enter the trough sink: you can fit two faucets, but don't need to find room for two sinks. Not to mention, they are very sleek which makes cleaning a breeze.

OPEN SHELVING

A vanity with open shelves offers storage without swinging doors that can get in the way in a small bathroom. Closed cabinetry could look too heavy or provide less storage space if you're slotting it into a narrow or sloped area. Open shelving looks airy and takes anything from books to towels to candles in a colour and style to suit you.

WALL MOUNTS

Use a wall mounted faucet. Mounting it on the wall will allow for a smaller vanity which can also help free up space in a small bathroom. In addition, this type of tap makes it easier to keep the area in back of your sink clean. Dirt and calcium deposits tend to accumulate there, so the area is much easier to keep spick and span without hardware in the way.



RISE OF THE BASEMENT

Basements are coming out of hiding these days. And they're doing it in style, with before-and-after transformations featured everywhere from HGTV to Pinterest and YouTube. What's driving this trend? A tight housing market, for one thing. With houses at a premium — and a proliferation of DIY how-to's — more homeowners are inspired to reclaim their unused space and expand their living area.

A SMART, AFFORDABLE UPGRADE

Updating your lower level is a sound investment in your home. According to the RE/MAX 2021 Renovation Investment Report, a finished basement is one of the top three renovations for return on investments with a typical remodel coming in at a whopping 75% ROI. To recoup the most from your remodeling efforts, make sure

your design and decorating choices are attractive and functional — not too quirky or customized.

PROPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY VALUE

Depending on local regulations, the additional space can often be added to your home's total square footage, making your market listing more appealing to buyers and potentially increasing your property value.

BANISH WATER ALL AROUND

Before you begin making decorating choices, tackle any needed repairs, including waterproofing your lower level. It's a good idea to seal your walls and floors first, and important enough to hire a professional.

FLOORING: THINK WARM AND DRY

Make sure your flooring choices stand up to moisture, too. Patch any cracks in the concrete floor and consider adding a subfloor if the surface slopes or is uneven. Many homeowners gravitate to the warmth and soundproofing effect of carpeting in basements. Low-pile or Berber carpets resist wear and are inexpensive options to keep your basement dry and comfortable.

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Friendly Reminders

Make sure you always sign a Homeservice Club contract.

Cheques should be payable to Homeservice Club — not the individual contractor.

Do not give credit card information to the contractor, call the Club.

You can also pay your account by e-Transfer at

Jobs@HomeserviceClub.com

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If you are in any doubt about how to proceed, give us a call!



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Have an Awesome Autumn!

Despite the necessary constraints we're still living with, we hope the next few months bring you the promise of change we experience every year. We are not back to normal quite yet, but we have cause to be optimistic, as long as we stay vigilant now.

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