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Get Your New Home Ready to Move In

By Angie McWhirter, Executive Director
Western Ohio Home Builder’s Association

Congratulations! You’ve found that new home you’ve been waiting your whole life to buy! We all know a brand new built home is an awesome thing. This month however, we’re talking to those buyers in the market for something already built, so pay attention, this is your list!

1. **Safety First!** Change those locks and garage door codes. Who knows how many people before you have a key or the garage code to your new home. Either install new lock sets, or have a locksmith come to the house and switch them out. This needs to be done before you move in so you can get that first nights good sleep.

2. **Clean, Clean, Clean!** Now I don’t know about you, but nothing says love more than a gift bucket full of cleaning supplies and a mop from Mom and Dad. You’ve got to clean those previous kitten and puppy germs that may still be lingering on the floors so your new baby can crawl around a sparkling clean surface. If you have the means and the time, this is where you can hire a carpet cleaner, or rent one. The HVAC system is a great area that you can include in this cleaning by a professional who can also service it at this time. Maybe suggest the gift of cleaning and that house warming gift could be a few hours from a cleaning service! Nice! As a designer, knowing that you’ve taken your house and cleaned it from top to bottom is the beginning of making that new house your home.

3. **Tech it up!** Want to add that great camera door bell or internet happy thermostat? Maybe a great sound system for your 80 inch TV? This is the time! If you have to do some wiring, or basically cutting in to your drywall to install any of your new electronics, do it before you paint! You can add value to your new home by installing a security system, and everyone loves a dimmer on the beautiful new dining room light you’ve just purchased. Don’t forget an electrician can work double time around you, so if you’re short on time, hire one for an hour or two! You will be amazed at how fast they work!

4. **Paint!** Touch up that tired paint or make your home look new with an entire coat of fresh paint indoors. There is NO less expensive way of making your home look great than paint. Can’t decide? Hire a designer for an hour who can hop in there and give you those paint choices in no time. They usually cost around $100 for an hour, but picking the wrong color and having to buy new paint will cost you more! Work smarter NOT harder!

5. **Window Treatments!** Now that you have some fresh paint on your trim it’s time for those new blinds or shades! This is so important if you have privacy issues with your neighbor whose living room looks directly into your bedroom, or if you need an extra hour of sleep. Fresh blinds, roller shades, or drapes will not only give your home a fresh look, but it will give you peace of mind when you’re running around in your jammies. Hire a professional blinds and shades person if you’re not familiar with the proper way to measure. Roller shades are one of the most inexpensive window coverings there are now, and they don’t look like grandma’s old roller shades. Touches of brushed nickel or grommets on the bottom for a bit of bling can really add something awesome to any of your rooms!

We hope you take this check list with you when you’re ready for your closing. Should you need a good professional for any of the above, give me a ring for a referral!
Termites, The Enemy of Your Home

by Angie McWhirter  
Executive Editor

Are you thinking of building a new home or remodelling your current residence? While designing your dream house, be sure to consider the comfort and health of the house, not only for you but also for the environment.

Gardens and landscapes can contribute to the natural beauty of your property, but they may also bring unwanted guests. Ants, termites, and other bugs can be abundant in spring and summer. Mosquitoes, wasps, and bees tend to join the party. Regardless of where they came from, they're here! The builder or remodeler needs to inform the homeowner about the problematic areas and what needs to be done to fix them.

Ants

Ants are a common pest found in many homes. They can be a nuisance, as they can be seen crawling around the house, especially in the kitchen and bathrooms. Ants can also cause structural damage to your home by chewing through wood and paper. Ants can also carry diseases that can be harmful to humans.

Termites

Termites are a common pest in many parts of the United States. They are the leading cause of damage to homes and businesses. Termites can cause structural damage to your home, including the foundation and framing of the house. They can also damage the floors, walls, and ceilings.

Here's the top 15 markets for these pests from a Terminix report released in 2017:

1. Mobile, Alabama
2. San Antonio, Texas
3. Memphis, Tennessee
4. Tampa, Florida
5. Miami, Florida
6. Los Angeles, California
7. Orlando, Florida
8. Jacksonville, Florida
9. Los Angeles, California
11. Houston, Texas
12. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
13. San Diego, California
14. Baltimore, Maryland
15. Little Rock, Arkansas

Address insects before entertaining season

Barbecues in the backyard or cocktails on the patio provide so many fun ways to enjoy the great outdoors from the comforts of home. While friends and family flock to such entertaining opportunities, some unwanted guests may want to crash the festivities.

Insects can be a problem and can negatively affect the enjoyment of your outdoor spaces, or use inorganic mulch.

Here's the most common mistake - landscaping. Never pile mulch around your home, especially where it comes up onto the foundation. Don't let your bushes grow too tall. Arachnids and their sticky webs are all over. Put out a dish of sugar water or slices of fruit for wasps and yellow jackets. Place basins of water with floating soapsuds for gnats. Use natural pest deterrents.

Protect your home from unwanted guests by implementing some simple steps:

2. Keep patios clean. Sweep up and clear gutters and downspouts of debris and leaves.
3. Use natural pest deterrents. Some natural pesticides can effectively control termite populations, and they're safe for use around children and pets.
4. Plant trees and shrubs that are less attractive to pests. Some trees and shrubs are more attractive to insects than others.

Here's to a better future for you and your family!  
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Homes are getting bigger, but it seems like people are still lamenting a lack of storage space. National Public Radio says the average American home has nearly tripled in size during the last 50 years. Despite that, 10 percent of Americans still need to rent off-site storage, according to a report in the New York Times Magazine. Self-storage facilities are one of the fastest-growing commercial real estate segments, and the Self Storage Association says there are more than 50,000 storage facilities in the U.S. alone. The commercial real estate company CBRE, Ltd., says there are roughly 3,000 self-storage facilities across Canada, and 65 to 85 percent of self-storage tenants are residential users.

Improving storage at home can be a cost-effective alternative to renting storage space. With these easy tips, homeowners can maximize space immediately.

Utilize track storage systems
Closets may be plentiful, but if not efficiently utilized, space may still seem lacking. Track closet storage systems often make greater use of closet space than traditional shelf and hanging rod systems. Customizing closets using track systems or other modifications can improve utility of all closets in the house.

Invest in storage beds
Storage beds typically feature cubbies or drawers within a platform-style bed frame. It’s a practical home storage solution, and does not require any building.

Think vertically
Maximize spaces by looking up and down for storage possibilities. Items that are not used frequently, such as seasonal decorations or travel suitcases, can be stored in high spaces. Shelving on walls can go as high as necessary and be put to use in awkward wall areas, such as in corners or under eaves.

Invest in storage benches/ottomans
A stopping area inside the front door replete with a storage bench can house shoes, umbrellas, hats, backpacks, and other items, keeping them tidy and out of sight. In living rooms, look for chests or ottomans that are decorative and functional. Store throw blankets or board games inside.

Recess drawers or shelves
Gain more storage by recessing a chest of drawers into what is called the “knee wall” of homes that have sloped ceilings in attics and upstairs bedrooms. Utilize these short walls in an efficient manner by sinking drawers or shelves into them, without taking up floor space.

Rafter shelving
While in the attic (or a garage), add hanging shelves to rafters or exposed beams to create off-the-floor storage as well.

These are just a few of the handy ways to improve the interior storage space in a home.

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What to expect during a bathroom remodel

There are many reasons to renovate a home. Some homeowners purchase fixer-uppers and commit to making major renovations before they even move in, while others may renovate their homes with an eye on resale value. But for many homeowners, this means taking on renovation projects to make the homes more livable for themselves. Bathroom renovations are popular projects. In fact, a 2018 survey from the National Association of Home Builders found that bathroom remodels are the most popular remodeling projects. But just because bathroom remodeling projects are popular doesn’t mean they’re easy to endure. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom remodel can help homeowners get through the renovation process.

Cost

Bathroom remodeling projects can be expensive. According to Remodeling magazine’s “Cost vs. Value 2019” report, a midrange bathroom remodeling project cost an average of $64,761 in 2019 while an upscale remodel cost just under $64,000. Homeowners should develop budgets for their bathroom renovation projects to determine which type of project they can afford. In addition, setting aside a little extra money for unforeseen expenses can help homeowners handle any unforeseen expenses that arise during the project.

Noise

Few home renovation projects can be undertaken quietly, and bathroom remodeling projects are popular renovations or home entertainment systems converted to as little dust as possible. As a result, parents of young children may want to schedule bathroom renovations during family vacations so that the children are exposed to as little dust as possible.

Changes

Few renovations go off without a hitch. Once a project begins, contractors often uncover issues that weren’t noticeable to the naked eye. These issues may increase the cost of completing a project or force homeowners to change their plans to make the project stay within their budgets. Recognizing that these decisions may have to be made on the fly can help homeowners handle unforeseen expenses before they arise.

Bathroom renovation projects are worthwhile investments. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom renovation project can help homeowners handle all the twists and turns that may arise.

Essentials for a bathroom remodel

What began as a utilitarian space for personal sanitation has, in modern times, transformed into one of the most coveted rooms in the house. Bathrooms have become a place to relax and unwind, and new bathrooms are on the tops of many homeowners’ wishlists. Bathrooms can be as lavish as budgets allow. Wish lists can include everything from luxurious soaking tubs to rainfall showerheads to plasma televisions to home entertainment systems contained in the space. These contemplating their own bathroom renovations may draw inspiration from the following features.

• Hot water recirculation system: Few things can be as disappointing as dozing off in a hot bath and waking up to find that the hot water tank has been drained. The home remodeling company Normandy Remodeling says that water recirculation systems provide on-demand hot water. In such systems, hot water may continuously run through the pipes or there may be a pump underneath a sink. Either way, one needn’t wait for the water to warm up any longer.

• Double undermount sinks: Bathrooms can be as lavish as budgets allow. Wish lists can include everything from luxurious soaking tubs to rainfall showerheads to plasma televisions to home entertainment systems contained in the space. These contemplating their own bathroom renovations may draw inspiration from the following features.

• Multihead shower: When redoing the shower, account for various shower heads so that the water can cascade across the body more completely. This provides a spa experience at home.

• Separate toilet room: A shared bath almost necessitates this type of setup. The toilet is housed inside its own small space and closed away from the rest of the bathroom. It’s more private and convenient this way.

• Heated Flooring: You need not worry about stepping out of a warm shower onto a cold floor when heated flooring is part of the equation. This option is available in various flooring materials as well. Remodeling a bathroom beds down to certain coveted features that can really set a space apart.
Backyard sheds can be useful assets. Sheds can create storage space in the garage, basement or other areas of the house that have become gathering spots for gear typically used outdoors. Sheds are ideal for housing mowers, tools and even pool-care equipment. But they can be put to other uses as well, such as being key spots to engage in hobbies or even as a child’s clubhouse.

Various factors should be considered before building or buying a shed. A storage shed can be a significant investment. Once placed, sheds may remain in their dedicated spots for years to come. That means careful thought should go into the planning process.

1. **Check your local building codes first.** Before you accumulate building materials or order a shed, be sure to know the ins and outs of shed codes. The codes may impact the shed’s placement, construction, the materials used, size, and numerous other factors. It’s much easier to amend plans beforehand than to face the hassle and expense after learning you did things incorrectly.

2. **Choose placement wisely.** Spend several days assessing the yard and thinking about the uses for the shed. If you plan to store pool floats and chemicals inside of the shed, it should be located close enough to the pool to be convenient. Look at the lay of the land. If there is a soggy patch of land that can turn swampy under the shed’s foundation, that is a poor location choice. If you need access to electricity, placing it far away from the house could necessitate running expensive wiring.

3. **Consider the design.** Just because a shed is for storage doesn’t mean aesthetics should be overlooked. Choose a shed style that complements your home. You may also want to match certain architectural features, like arched doorways or dormers. Design also may relate to practicality. For instance, storing a riding mower inside may necessitate dual doors that open widely.

4. **Invest in quality materials.** Spending a little more and using quality materials can ensure it lasts long enough to be cost-effective. The right materials will be resistant to splitting, cracking, decay, and insect damage.

5. **Prepare the site well.** A proper foundation for the shed is almost as important as the shed itself. You cannot just drop the shed on the lawn and leave it, as the shed can sink or structural issues may arise if it is placed on a weak base.

6. **Blend into the environment.** Surround the shed with shrubs or plants so that it blends into the yard and complements the space.

7. **Deck out the interior.** Use every storage tool at your disposal to maximize floor, wall and even rafter space for storage. Plan where items will be kept and customize the storage options around those locations.

Sheds can be an asset and improve storage capability in the backyard.