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After The Move Checklist

Things to do when the movers leave

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✔ You will need to update your driver's license and get new tags and plates for your cars. Check with your local Division of Motor Vehicles for more details, or refer to our Newcomer and Community Information inside this magazine.

✔ Be sure that the post office is going to forward your mail to your new address. You can do this online, or you can fill out a form at your local post office and maybe even meet some new neighbors while standing in line!

✔ Make sure all of your insurance policies are up to date. You may need new policies for your house, auto and health, particularly if you have moved to a new state.

✔ A great way to learn about your new community is to order a subscription to the local newspaper. Many even offer discounts for new subscribers and they often have local neighborhood editions inserted weekly. This is a great way to learn the ins and outs of your new neighborhood.

✔ Search out new health professionals such as doctors, dentists, and even vets. These are things you will want to have in place before any emergency pops up. Neighbors and co-workers are always a good referral source for these types of services.

✔ Most likely you will need to register to vote. Even if you have just moved from one county to another within the same state, most states will require that you register in your new county. For more information, you can refer to our Newcomer and Community Information inside this magazine.

✔ Make a visit to the neighborhood bank or credit union to set up new accounts, have money transferred, get credit and debit cards, and order those checks with your new address.

✔ Visit your local library and get a library card. The kids can even get their own with their new address on it! The local library is another great place to meet other families in your new neighborhood.

✔ Visit your neighborhood schools and get your children enrolled as soon as possible. You may also want to consider enrolling them in an online or charter school, as most states offer this type of education at no cost because it is a public school. Either way, the sooner you get your children enrolled and involved in the community, the faster they will adapt to their new environment.

✔ Find a place in your new home to keep all your receipts and documents related to your move all in one file. You will need to know where everything is in the event you need to make an insurance claim with the movers or when you file your income taxes the next spring.

✔ Keep in mind that your insurance polices may have a limited time that you can file a claim regarding items damaged during your move. You should run a check of all your electronics and major appliances to make sure they have survived the move and are in good working order. These are most likely all items that would be expensive to replace, so you should make sure they are all working as soon as you can.

Remember that moving is the third most stressful life event, according to the Employee Relocation Council. Settling in will be a gradual process, but your patience will be rewarded in the long run.

The quicker you can cross these things off your checklist, the sooner you can begin to relax and truly enjoy your new home and community.

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Will Your Remodeling Project PAY OFF?

Reports often show that many remodeling dollars are spent within the first two years of move in.

There are financial factors to consider before you choose a home improvement project and smart homeowners will consider resale value before making a major remodeling investment. Each year REMODELING magazine publishes a study that can help homeowners determine the return on investment for their home improvement projects.

This Cost vs. Value Report contrasts the cost of home improvements with their recouped value if the house is sold today. They compare construction costs for several projects, with estimates of the projects' value in a current market resale scenario. Real estate professionals in residential markets across the country provided return-on-investment estimates.

Landscaping and fresh paint may lure house hunters inside, but once in the door, buyers of existing homes look for functionality, durability, and convenience. That's why it's so important for a resale to be modernized.

Kitchens and baths are among the most popular home improvement projects, which can drive the return on investment. Reports often show that many remodeling dollars are spent within the first two years of move in. Under those circumstances repair and replacement projects such as windows or siding may get first attention if they require maintenance. As the housing stock ages, and existing homes continue to sell more than 6 million units a year, those projects may see an increased return on investment. To perform as an amenity, your home's improvement projects should complement and match the style of the existing property.

The resale value of each project is an estimate based on a current market resale scenario. This can be misleading because many newly remodeled homes are not put on the market so soon.

Smart homeowners will ask many questions before starting any remodel or home improvement project. Get advice from both realtors and contractors to decide which home improvement projects make sense for your special circumstances and to insure you get the greatest return on your investment.

Information provided by Remodeling magazine Cost vs. Value Report. Visit: www.remodeling-magazine.com

HOW DOES REMODELING PAY OFF?

(cost recouped, for resale now national average)

Garage Door Replacement	98.3%
Entry Door Replacement (Steel)	91.3%
Manufactured Stone Veneer	97.1%
Deck Addition (Wood)	82.8%
Minor Kitchen Remodel	81.1%
Siding Replacement (Vinyl)	76.7%
Window Replacement (Vinyl)	74.3%
Universal Design Bathroom	70.6%
Bathroom Remodel	70.1%
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Window Replacement (Wood)	69.5%
Roofing Replacement	68.4%
Deck Addition (Composite)	63.6%
Bathroom Addition	59.9%
Major Kitchen Remodel	59.0%
Master Suite Addition	56.6%
Backyard Patio	47.6%

6 Tips for Choosing the Right Paint

To help simplify things, ask yourself these questions about your personal preferences and lifestyle.

If you've ever been confused at the paint counter, you're not alone. Most home centers and paint stores sell a dizzying array of coatings in every conceivable color and sheen. That can make it difficult for anyone to pick the right paint. The answers to these 6 questions will help guide you through the maze of interior paints available today and make your purchasing decision a snap.

1 How sensitive am I to paint smell?

If you abhor paint odor, you should favor water-based latex paints, which have little or no odor compared to oil-based or alkyd coatings. Latex paints also simplify cleanup and perform exceptionally well on all interior surfaces. These advantages help explain why latex paints have become the overwhelming choice of both do-it-yourselfers and professional painters.

2 How much activity will take place in the space I am painting?

If the room you are painting will see a lot of activity, the painted surface could get soiled. In that case, it's best to use a glossier product (a high gloss or semi-gloss paint), which will tend to resist stains and are much easier to clean. If the room will see little activity, you could use any level of sheen — from a flat paint to a high gloss finish.

3 What atmosphere do I want to create in the room?

If your goal is to make the space cozy, consider using a "warm" color from the red, yellow or orange family; if you want it to seem cool, apply blues or greens.

4 Do I wish the room were bigger (or smaller)?

If you feel the space seems cramped (or, at the other extreme, cavernous), you can do something about it by selecting the right color of paint. Lighter colors make a room seem larger, while darker colors make it feel more intimate.

5 How often do I typically repaint?

If you paint only every so often, you'll want to apply a durable, colorfast paint that will hold up well and continue to look good for a very long time. The best option in this regard is a top quality 100% acrylic latex interior paint.

6 How much time do I want to devote to this painting project?

If your time is limited, or you just want to complete the project quickly, then consider applying a "paint and primer" product that works like two coatings in one. You'll likely need to apply fewer coats, which will save a lot of time — and you'll still get superior results.

Considering these questions takes just a few moments, but saves a lot of consternation when you are at your paint retailer's. More importantly, the answers will help you quickly identify the very best type of paint for your next home beautification project!

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For more information on interior paints and coatings, visit the Paint Quality Institute blog at blog.paintquality.com or its website at www.paintquality.com.

Security Tips for New Homeowners

12 Tips to Stay Safe and Protect Your Investment.

1 ***Change the locks.*** There is no telling how many people have a key to the locks on your house – no matter what your realtor says. You should also consider installing deadbolt locks or charlie-bars for additional safety.

2 ***Don't leave moving boxes on the curb.*** Leaving these items in plain sight will alert burglars that you've just completed a stressful move, and may not be paying close attention to home security.

3 ***Be careful when disposing of product packaging.*** You do not want to advertise recent purchases for your new home.

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4 ***Secure your windows.*** The second most common entrance for burglars is a window. This includes second story windows that may have access from a garage, roof, or a tree with a strong branch.

5 ***Trim your trees and shrubs.*** Overgrown landscape can provide access to second floor windows or create hiding places.

6 ***Do not store ladders or trash cans outside.*** They can be used to provide easy access to second floor windows or scale fences.

7 ***Make friends with the neighbors.*** Forming relationships with your new neighbors can be beneficial in many ways. You can keep an eye on each other's houses during vacations and learn about neighborhood watch programs.

8 ***Hang sheer curtains, blinds or other window treatments.*** This will keep people from the outside looking in and checking out any new electronics or valuable items you may have purchased for your new home.

9 ***Never hide a key outside.*** Burglars know all of the good hiding places.

10 ***Upgrade your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.*** Start fresh with new batteries and test them to make sure they work.

11 ***Install security lighting.*** A bright, well-lit home is a burglar's worst nightmare. Security lighting around your home will deter anyone looking for a place to hide while they break in. Replace burnt out porch lights and install motion lights.

12 ***Install a home security system.*** A home security system with professional monitoring will provide your home with a layer of protection that can't be duplicated. According to the Electronic Security Association Inc, homes that don't have alarm systems are three times more likely to be burglarized than those that do. You can also save money on your homeowners' insurance by equipping your home with a security system.

Yes, You Can Join a Credit Union!

It used to be that a person could only open an account at a credit union because they or a family member was employed by a certain company, or they worked for the government. That has changed because now just about anyone will find they are eligible to join a credit union.

Here are the top reasons to join a credit union. 5

As you begin to settle into your new community and wade through the numerous options available, you just may find that credit union membership is the answer to all your financial needs.

1. Better interest rates and lower fees.

Credit unions are usually able to offer their members better interest rates and lower fees. When you're getting better interest rates and paying lower fees, you get to keep and save more of YOUR money, helping you take-charge of your financial life.

2. Full line of products and services.

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Check out the credit unions in your community and discover why they rank high in customer satisfaction surveys. Also, check out Westerra Credit Union, page 5.

Protect Your Finances and Your Home With these Post-Move Steps

Buying a home is the largest purchase most people will ever make. In order to protect your finances and your largest financial investment, there are certain post-move steps you might want to consider.

Review your will or trust

A good post-move step is to review your will or trust to make sure that your home is a part of those documents. You will need to make sure that this paperwork includes your new home and that your beneficiaries are updated.

Purchase or adjust your life insurance policy

Whether you are a first-time homebuyer or have a house with a larger mortgage than before, you may want to purchase or increase your life insurance coverage. One way to determine how much life insurance you might need is to make sure it includes coverage for 10 years of income, plus any large debts like your mortgage.

Drop your PMI (Private Mortgage Insurance)

PMI may have been required if you purchased your home with less than 20 percent down. This is an extra payment every month that protects the mortgage lender if you were ever to stop making payments on your home loan. This is money you will never recoup and becomes an even worse negative if the value of your home ever decreases. To remove PMI,

you must have at least 20% equity in your home. You may ask the lender to cancel PMI when you have paid down the mortgage balance to 80% of your home's original appraised value.

Get a Home Warranty

If you didn't get a home warranty as part of the purchase process, you might want to consider getting one now. This will help protect you from the unexpected costs of a major home repair or replacement of major appliances as well as your home's heating and air conditioning systems. You can still get one after you move in, as long as no issues have presented themselves yet. If you don't purchase a home warranty, you should at least work at building up your emergency savings to cover the costs of an unexpected "surprise" so that you don't end up in a financial bind trying to cover the cost of repairs on your own.

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12 Reasons Why Top Quality Paint Is Worth the Money

If you want to change the appearance of your new home's interior, there is no easier way to update your space than with a fresh coat of paint. But, if you're tempted to save a few dollars by trading down to a lower quality interior paint, it's important to know what you're giving up in the process. Here are 12 reasons top quality 100% acrylic latex interior paints are worth the money:

- **Better adhesion.** The superior "binder" in these paints helps them grip any surface.
- **Better hiding capability.** Top quality paints can often conceal the color below in fewer coats, saving the time and money needed to apply additional coats of paint.
- **Better spatter resistance.** These paints are less likely to throw off flecks of paint while you're applying them.
- **Better flow and leveling.** Top quality paints go on evenly; brush and roller marks tend to flow out and become unnoticeable.
- **Better touch-up.** If you have to touch up your paint job at a later date, it won't be noticeable when using a top quality paint.
- **Better stain resistance.** These paints tend to keep dirt and grime from sinking in, making for easy cleaning.
- **Better scrub resistance.** Even if you have to scrub hard to remove a stubborn stain, top quality paint is tough enough to take the scrubbing without damaging the surface of the paint.
- **Better burnish resistance.** Lower quality paints get shiny when they're scrubbed; top quality paints have less of a tendency to do so.
- **Better block resistance.** Ever notice how it's hard to open a window after it's been painted? Top quality paints are less susceptible to sticking.
- **Better print resistance.** Windowsills and other face-up surfaces can be imprinted when objects are placed on them. When painting horizontal surfaces, use of a top quality paint in an eggshell (rather than a glossier) sheen will minimize this problem.
- **Better mildew resistance.** If you don't like mildew, don't compromise on paint quality.
- **Better fade resistance.** You'll probably sweat bullets choosing just the right paint color. Make sure your color lasts by using a fade-resistant top quality 100% acrylic latex interior paint.

For more information and panting tips, visit www.paintquality.com

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Choosing a Gas Log Fireplace

As you sit back and start to think about your new property and what kind of extras might be a good investment as well as adding comfort for your family, you may want to take a look at your fireplace.

If your new house has a fireplace, you need to make sure it is in good working order. Then you may want to consider changing to gas logs or installing a gas insert to update your fireplace. These are popular options and will increase the property value by more than the amount it will take to add one of them. Both types of units are available for natural gas or propane.

When shopping for Gas Logs or a Gas Insert you will need to have an operable wood burning fireplace. The new gas appliance will be installed into the existing fireplace. Your decision will come down to several factors including looks vs. efficiency. Gas logs are decorative and burn with glass doors open. An Insert has a blower to produce heat and is burned with the sealed door closed. The insert is designed to heat the room.

Gas logs have a realistic-looking yellow flame. For this, you will need a chimney that is in good working order so that the carbon monoxide gas is vented to the outside. These logs will simulate a wood-burning fire and are more decorative than the insert.

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The Gas Insert will not give you that roaring fire effect and the flame will not be as high as you would have with the vented logs. This type of gas log burns with a hot blue flame that is designed with two flue liners. One liner will bring in fresh air; the other liner will exhaust the combustion gases. The insert will be 70% to 80% efficient. The Gas Insert is perfect for a room that needs more heat or has cold air coming down the chimney.

A natural gas pipe must be installed to the fireplace for the new gas appliance and can usually be added to the existing natural gas pipe system in the house. It is important to use a licensed company for this installation.

Consider installing carbon monoxide detectors if the house has any type of gas or wood burning fireplace.

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The Latest In Hip Pain Treatment

It might be hip to be square, but hip pain is no joke. Hip pain can be the result of an injury, like a hip fracture or a broken hip, or arthritis, which can cause stiffness, swelling and loss of mobility. With osteoarthritis — the most common type of arthritis in the hip — the cartilage that cushions the joints deteriorates, causing the bones to rub against each other. Signs you need to see a doctor for hip pain include:

- Pain in the hip causes you to limp
- One leg feels shorter or longer than the other (tilted)
- Limited range of motion in the hips, or hearing a creaking noise when moving
- Pain subsides when resting, then returns again when in use
- Stiffness

Currently, there are several innovative surgery options for patients with hip pain. Traditional (also known as posterior) hip replacement surgery requires cutting muscles and tendons in the hip area. With what is known as anterior hip replacement surgery, a small incision is made in the front of the hip, allowing the joint to be replaced without detaching any tendons. An anterior hip replacement can speed up recovery time and patients may experience less pain following the procedure. Most patients leave the hospital within two days of the procedure. Anterior hip replacement also lowers the risk of dislocation.

Hip replacement surgery is becoming more common for patients under the age of 65, including people in their 50s and even 40s. Younger patients may be strong candidates for a hip replacement procedure like the anterior approach. Getting a new hip can allow patients to live pain-free and return to activities they love, like skiing, hiking, biking and participating in sports.

Chronic hip pain can be treated! There are now new treatment options for patients that don't require lengthy hospital stays or a long recovery process.

About Dr. Dennis Chang, MD

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Treatment Options for Chronic Knee Pain

Knee pain should not be ignored. There are many different treatment options for chronic knee pain, which can help alleviate symptoms or eliminate the pain altogether. Joint pain (including knee pain) can have different causes, but the main symptoms of chronic knee pain are:

- Sore or swollen knee
- Pain gets worse when strain is put on the joint
- Knee feels stiff, especially after a period of inactivity
- Knee locks or gives out
- Pain comes and goes, but gradually gets worse

If you fall or twist your knee, it's usually clear where the pain is coming from. However, knee injuries can also happen slowly. If there is constant stress on the knee — like from playing sports or doing a lot of bending/lifting at work — the joint cartilage can wear down over time and cause damage. Chronic knee pain can also be caused by arthritis, resulting in pain, stiffness and loss of movement.

Today, there are several effective, innovative procedures available to treat chronic knee pain. In the case of a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), reconstructive surgery allows surgeons to rebuild the ligament, which can reduce a person's risk of future knee injuries. To treat arthritis in the knee, medication can reduce pain and improve mobility.

The latest in knee replacement surgery is a cement-free press kit knee replacement procedure. Instead of using cement to attach the implant to the end of the bone, a surgeon uses a porous metal joint, which allows the body to incorporate the implant. A press-fit knee doesn't de-bond over time or cause the implant to loosen. Many people are good candidates for this type of knee replacement surgery and most recover in three months and are back to doing the activities they enjoy.

Chronic knee pain is treatable—you don't have to continue to live in pain!

About Mark Hammerberg, MD

Dr. Mark Hammerberg specializes in knee and hip replacement surgery at OrthoONE at Rose Medical Center. Named a "next generation leader in total joint replacement" by Orthopaedics Today, Dr. Hammerberg provides quality care with a personal touch. When not in the office, Dr. Hammerberg enjoys skiing, hiking, and camping.

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University of Colorado Denver Business School

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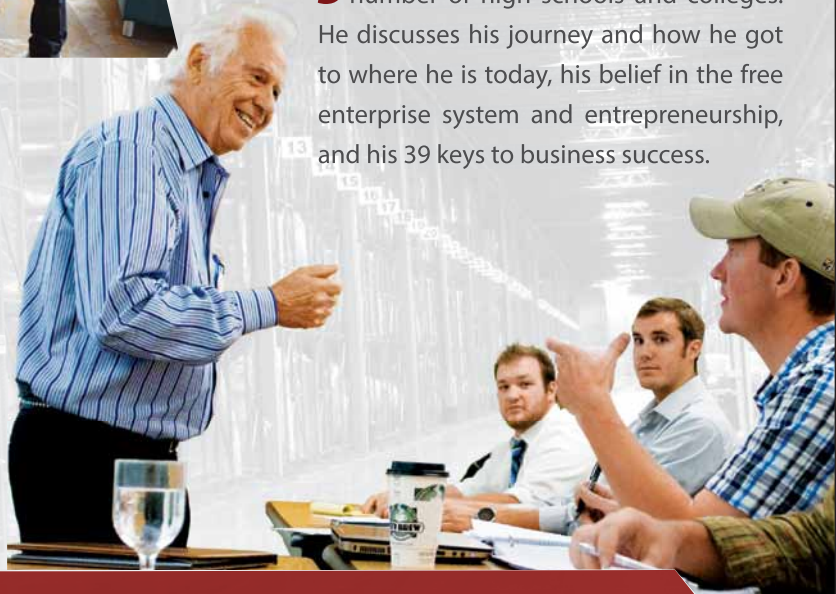

Planning Your Space 101

You've read countless home design blogs. You've combined all the best looks into a stellar Pinterest board. You've made a list of every piece of furniture you want to own. You are totally ready to buy your dream furniture, right? Not so fast. There's one crucial step you need to take before making your furniture dreams come true: planning your space.

While it's obviously necessary to make sure that any furniture you buy will physically fit in your space, it's also important to go one step further and make sure that it will also function in your space. Even the most perfect sectional that can hold the whole family for movie night will only become a huge nuisance if it makes it impossible to walk around the room. Fortunately, it's easy to avoid problems like this by planning your room layout and considering the space around the furniture as well as the furniture itself.

Measure Twice, Buy Once

The first step in planning your space is figuring out how much space you have to work with. Begin by measuring your room, making sure that you also measure any doors and windows as well as the pathway furniture will take to get to the room. Once you have all your measurements, create a floor plan of your room using graph paper or a tool like the AFW Space Planner. This will allow you to easily visualize the layout of the space by drawing or placing to-scale representations of furniture in the floor plan.

Planning Basics

After you've measured your home and created a floor plan, it's time to get planning with two important considerations. First, traffic ways should be separated from the center of activities. After all, having someone walk through a conversation because it's the only way to enter or exit a room is a little disruptive. If it's not possible to avoid through traffic, try to direct your walkways around conversation areas. Second, moving around the room should be as direct as possible but not interfere with furniture placement. The goal is to make it easy to walk around the room without placing furniture in awkward spots. With these basics in mind, you're ready to move on to the specifics that make each room enjoyably functional.

Main traffic way: 36"
Circulation around furniture: 24"
Conversation area: 10-foot diameter
Between sofa and cocktail table: 12"-18"

Your living room functions as everything from a solo movie theater to a gathering space, so consider your potential uses for the room when planning the layout. Be sure to account for the extra space motion furniture needs when it's reclined as well as any drawers, doors, or lift tops on cocktail and end tables.

If your living room has a TV in it, also consider how far your seating should be from the screen to get the best viewing experience. This depends on your TV's size and resolution—the bigger the TV and the lower the resolution, the further back you should sit.

Dining chairs + walkway behind: 38"
Dining chairs + serving space: 42"
Each eating space at a dining table: 24"
Table to sideboard/cabinet: 48"

Dining is a much more pleasant experience when there's enough space for you and your guests to freely walk to their seat, sit down, and eat without bumping elbows with their neighbors.

Major circulation path: 24"
One side or foot of bed for dressing: 42"
One side of bed for circulation: 22"
Least used side of bed: 12"
In front of dresser, chest, and closet: 36"

When planning the layout of your bedroom, think about how you'll be moving in the space: you'll likely be walking around the bed when making it, using drawers in your dresser, chest, and nightstand, and dressing for the day.

Your furniture should both fit and function in your space. By planning your room layout with your furniture and the necessary space around it in mind, it's simple to avoid potential problems and create a space that you can enjoy.

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Organizationally challenged?

Now's the time to bring order to your home – and your life

Anyone who has ever moved into a new home knows the giddiness of starting fresh and getting the opportunity to finally get organized!

But all too often, we rush to unpack and then spend weeks, months, if not years, trying to organize and re-organize our stuff.

Don't let this happen to you. Take the time to create a game plan and then follow through. Have a designated place for every item you own BEFORE you unpack one box.

Get started

Hopefully, you already purged unused, broken or unneeded items BEFORE you moved. This not only saves time, money and precious space, it allows you to move into your new home without additional clutter.

Beginning with the kitchen — lay out a plan to store items closest to the area you will use them.

- Place cookware adjacent to the stove while glassware and dishes should be stored near the sink and dishwasher.
- Keep sandwich bags, foil, plastic wrap and parchment paper in one drawer for quick access to pack lunches or wrap up leftovers.
- Use risers or lazy-susans to display spices, canned goods and other pantry items in cupboards to avoid things getting lost in the back.
- Consider a grocery inventory list on the fridge or inside a cupboard to avoid duplicate items.
- If you love to bake, create a special area to house all your baking dishes, mixers, rolling pin, flour, sugar, etc. in one place.
- For fine china and crystal that is not used daily, pack carefully and store elsewhere, such as the basement, garage or a buffet so it doesn't take up precious real estate in your kitchen.

In living areas, seek out furniture that not only is beautiful but functional to help with your storage needs. For example, a trunk that can be filled with blankets and extra pillows can make a great cocktail table. Built-ins can artfully display sentimental items, framed photos, books and plants.

Keep bathrooms clutter-free for easy clean-up. Install medicine cabinets and make full use of cabinetry to store essentials. Stock each bathroom with a mini cleaning kit: surface, glass and toilet bowl cleaners, sponges, paper towels, etc. Stowed in a handled bucket under the sink, this portable kit will make keeping up with daily and weekly cleaning a snap.

Avoid turning your entryway into a dumping ground by installing hooks for coats and backpacks, put out a basket or boot tray for footwear and have a small table with a beautiful bowl or soap dish to keep keys from getting lost. A nearby wastebasket catches junk mail.

A closet case

One of the most important spaces to organize is in your closets.

- Store outerwear, umbrellas, hats, gloves, scarves in your hallway closet. Don't overstuff it so you have room for visitor's belongings when entertaining. Install hooks inside the door for a tote that you can fill with items going to the dry cleaner. When it's full, just take the tote to your car.
- In your bedroom closets, sort like items together and organize by color BEFORE hanging anything. Use the same hangers – wooden, padded or those velvet-covered slimline ones – for a beautifully cohesive look.
- Keep frequently used items at eye-level.
- No shoe shelves? Store footwear in clear boxes or tape a photo to the outside of each shoebox to save time looking for just the right pair of heels or loafers.
- Optimize your linen closets by storing same-sized sheet sets together in their matching pillowcases. Use tote-able baskets or canvas cubes to store extra tablecloths, napkins and placemats. Another option is hanging cleaned and pressed tablecloths on a skirt or pant hanger in your closet.
- If you have extra closets, store out-of-season clothes there or in long plastic bins under the bed. A well outfitted closet should including shelving, hanging space with varying heights, drawers and/or open storage bins. If your closet falls short, consider investing in a closet organizing system.

So now that you are completely organized, you need to stay that way. Make a habit of putting things away when you're done using them. Each night spend just 10-15 minutes before bed straightening things up, wiping down countertops and returning misplaced items to their rightful home.

Waking up each morning to a clean, orderly home will set a positive tone for the day ahead.

Making One Room into Two – With a Murphy Bed

Whether downsizing or moving into a new home with a growing family, you may find yourself wishing to magically change that guest room into an office or craft room as well. A Murphy Bed is a great solution to this dilemma: By resembling cabinetry when not in use, it's giving you the office and storage that you need while still keeping your guests happy with a real bed.

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The original Murphy Bed was invented by William Murphy in the early 1900's to solve the need to hide his bed while entertaining in his tiny one room apartment in San Francisco. The Murphy, or Wall Bed, as it also called, has come a long way since then, with the range of materials and accompanying furniture limited only by your space itself.

What Does a Murphy Bed Look Like?

"Although the web is a good place to start, a Murphy Bed is such a visual product that it needs to be seen to understand all the options that are available. That's why we built our two story showroom which contains over 35 models on display, and Cabinet Beds are available in eight colors," says Steve Beckmann, the owner of Smart Spaces. Founded in 2004, Smart Spaces is unique in that its main focus is the Murphy Bed with its accompanying furniture such as offices, closets and entertainment centers. Steve estimates that they have designed and built over 4,000 beds, ranging from the simple side bed for a basement to cabinetry containing everything from Hindu shrines to coffee makers.

"It generally takes people two or three visits to decide what will best work for their space. Our designers have great software that helps the customer envision how their room can be used. Once the design is chosen, it can take as little as 3-4 weeks to the time of installation, as we manufacture our beds here onsite using local vendors."

How Big Does My Small Room Have to Be?

The size of the bed depends on the height of the wall where the Murphy Bed would go. Generally 90" is needed for a queen and king size bed, while full and twin sizes require 85" in height. If the ceilings are lower, then a side Murphy Bed works equally well..

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Drab to Fab in 3 Easy Steps

Give your old things a new life without busting your budget

How exciting to move into your new home! But when your furniture and accessories are unpacked, it can sometimes feel like it is just the same old stuff in a brand new setting.

Unfortunately a move usually means money will be tight for awhile. So how do you freshen up your new space without breaking the bank?

Follow these three steps to breathe new life into your home, room by room:

STEP 1: Evaluate each space. When you live with items for a long time, it can be easy to overlook furniture that is in disrepair, tattered pillows or accessories that are just plain ugly or boring. Step back and give a more critical scan of the place – as if you are visiting someone else's home. Does your home's décor reflect your family's lifestyle? Is your furniture both functional and attractive? Are you still hanging on to hand-me-down furniture that you have been hauling around for the last 20 years? If something is way past its prime, throw it out or replace it with a new piece that better fits your style. Once you review what you have, edit your stuff. Do you display things that you don't really care for but were a gift or perhaps you feel obligated to put it out simply because it was expensive? You're in a new home and deserve a fresh start. Give yourself permission to only live with the things you love and use every day.

STEP 2: Create a "theme" that can unify your entire home. We're not talking animal prints or country roosters. A theme means finding a common element, such as a fabric, a bold accent color or general palette, which can be incorporated in each room that brings a fashionable cohesiveness to the space. Paint is the top choice for an instant and affordable update. Neutrals are the easiest choice for walls and offer the most flexibility, but they don't have to be boring. Instead of tan, select "greige" – a beautiful combination of beige and gray that provides a fresh and neutral backdrop for any style of furniture.

If you want to be up to date on the latest paint color trends, take advice from Ellen O'Neil, Director of Strategic Design Intelligence at Benjamin Moore. She recently announced Metropolitan AF-690 as the 2019 color of the year. "Comforting, composed and effortlessly sophisticated, this trendy gray with cool undertones, exudes beauty and balance," she said. "It's a color in the neutral spectrum that references a contemplative state of mind and design. Not arresting nor aggressive, this understated yet glamorous gray creates a soothing, impactful common ground."

STEP 3: Go for it! Starting with the space your family uses most, paint the whole room or consider adding a new hue to just the ceiling. With a fresh backdrop, start experimenting with furniture placement. Moving sofas and chairs away from the walls creates a more intimate setting for conversation and visually makes a room appear larger. Switch things up – how about swapping the living room loveseat with a family room reading chair in your new home? You will be amazed how much difference simply moving your old things around the house makes.

Simple changes = Big impact

- If you don't want to commit to painting an entire room, try just one spectacular wall in a rich, fabulous color like dark chocolate, eggplant, bronze or dark orange.
- Update your lighting, including adding dimmers wherever possible. CFLs are environmentally-friendly and great options to save energy and money.
- Declutter, declutter, declutter.
- A fabulous new area rug in the living or dining room can add a shot of energy.
- Pay special attention to your entryway – as that is the first impression people will get of your space. Make it warm and inviting.
- Consider slipcovers for an immediate new twist on old furniture.
- Fresh flowers are always an instant pick-me-up.

Custom Closets – What to Look for, and Where

Mark Lestikow, president of The Closet Factory in Denver encourages new movers to use this as an opportunity to change bad habits and get organized right from the start. "Moving into a new home with newly organized closets adds to the pleasure of a happy experience. I would definitely encourage new movers to organize their closets now, to facilitate settling into their new environment and avoid dissatisfactions that may arise from the honey this doesn't fit syndrome."

The following five questions should help you identify the closet, and the closet company right for you.

1. Are there different types of closet systems, or are they all pretty similar? There are two main types of closet units. One is called a wall-hung system, and the other a floor-based system. Ask the closet companies you interview the difference between the two, and which would be most appropriate for your individual needs and expectations.

2. Custom manufactured vs. prebuilt systems? Although most closet companies say they are custom, few truly are. A custom closet, as you would expect, is high in quality, offers more efficient space utilization and often is the best value for your investment.

3. Will I have the opportunity to work with a design consultant or see a showroom with examples of product? Having a trained professional designer come to your home is a nice option because they can take your exact measurements and prepare a personalized design that fits your specific needs.

4. What about installation? It is important to distinguish if the installers are employees or independent contractors. There can be a tremendous difference in the final result if a trained employee installs your custom closet versus an untrained independent.

5. How do I pick the right company? The company you choose to install your custom closet is your key decision. All custom closet companies are not the same. Evaluate how you were treated from the first time you called. Were you able to speak with a knowledgeable person immediately, or at least receive a prompt returned call to your inquiry?

Be sure to get a written guarantee, preferably one that will be in effect as long as you live in the house.

Ask to see a customer list. Call some people on this list. If a company doesn't do good work, people will not likely recommend them. Enjoy your new home and your closets!

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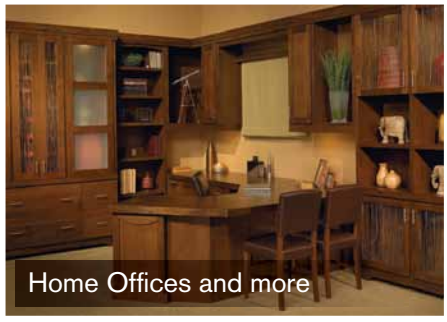

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Hot Tips – Cold Cash

25 Easy Ways to Save Money and Energy

Saving energy not only feels good, but it can save you big bucks as a homeowner. Get off on the right carbon footprint in your new home with these tips:

1. Find out if your utility company offers free or low-cost **energy audits**. Not only will your new home be inspected for energy efficiency, but you will receive invaluable tips on slashing energy costs while keeping your home feeling comfortable.
2. **Use a programmable thermostat**. This small investment (usually around $50-$150) pays off big. According to ENERGY STAR, the proper use of a pre-programmed thermostat can save about $180 every year in energy costs.
3. If you're handy, **inspect your heating and cooling ducts**, including the exposed ones in the basement and attic. Seal them with mastic or metal-backed foil tape and then insulate them. This alone can improve the efficiency of your heating and cooling systems by as much a 20%.
4. Don't put off **regular maintenance of your heating and cooling systems**. Just like your car, they won't run optimally, and eventually break down if they are not maintained.
5. Keep the air flowing by **changing your air filter regularly**.
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7. Need to **replace your water heater**? Consider a money-saving tankless model or a solar water heater.
8. Whatetver new appliance you purchase, make sure it has an **ENERGY STAR rating**.
9. **Apply caulk or weather stripping** to all windows and doors in your home, including your glass sliding doors. In addition, seal any air leaks around electrical outlets.
10. **Go Solar!** Switching to solar energy is easier than ever. With many different purchasing and leasing options available, you can save on your electric bill now, and in the future.
11. **A leaky faucet or toilet will flush a lot of your money down the pipes**. Fix them immediately!
12. Remember, a **10-minute shower** uses less water than a bath.
13. Install **energy-efficient and long lasting CFL bulbs or LEDs** wherever possible. This also goes for your outdoor lighting.
14. **Use window coverings** to take advantage of the warm sun during cold months by leaving them open during the day. In the dog days of summer, keep them closed to keep the searing heat out.
15. **Proper use of interior ceiling fans** can help keep your house cool in the summer and warm in the winter.
16. Simply **turning off the lights** when you're not in the room will save you money and energy.
17. Use only **warm or cold water to wash your clothes**, and rinse only with cold water.
18. Drying your clothes is a huge energy-drain. **Do loads of laundry consecutively** so that you can take advantage of the heated dryer. Better yet, cut back on your dryer use by using a drying rack for your clothes. Save the dryer for towels and other heavy items.
19. Use a **power strip to centrally shut off all your electronics** when not in use.
20. **Unplug battery chargers and power adapters**, which are notorious energy zappers.
21. **Close your doors**. Remembering to close your refrigerator doors, fireplace doors, and house doors quickly after use can go a long way in reducing energy waste.
22. **Get rid of your old refrigerator and invest in an energy-efficient model**. Some older models can cost more than $100 a year to operate.
23. Wait until your **dishwasher is fully loaded** before running a cycle.
24. **Look outside your home for energy-friendly landscaping**. Deciduous trees and bushes can provide a nice wind barrier to reduce heat loss during the winter. While mature plantings can provide shade in the summer, consider pruning sun-blocking trees or shrubs that prevent you from taking full advantage of the sun's warmth during the winter.
25. **Regularly inspect your roof** for damage or leaks around ducts, skylights and chimneys.

Moving with Children

Once the boxes are unpacked, the next step is to help your kids settle into their new neighborhood.

Here are a few tips that should help ease the transition.

Search for evidence of kids living on your street and in your neighborhood

Look for signs that kids live in a house—swing sets, bikes and other toys. Neighbors can be helpful as well, telling you which houses have children living there.

Spend time in a local park

Neighborhood parks are an ideal place to meet not only other kids, but other parents as well. There may even a park inside your neighborhood where you can spend hours of time outside meeting new friends and learning about your new neighborhood. Get outside and good things will happen!

Host a party for kids

You can invite kids from the neighborhood and from the playground. Invite the parents to come so you can also meet new people, and deliver the party invites in person with your child door to door. If you keep it simple, it's a great way for you and your child to get to know the area.

Join the neighborhood community center

Most recreation centers and community centers have classes for kids, including recreational programs, sports teams, family swim times and more. Be sure to join along with your child and speak to staff members to see what other opportunities exist in your neighborhood.

Visit the library

We often forget that the local library is a wonderful place to meet other parents and children. Staff here can provide great information on what's going on in the neighborhood and can suggest family-friendly activities in your new neighborhood. Spending time in the children's section of the library and checking out books is a fantastic way to let your children interact with others.

Spend time outside

Sometimes all you need to do to meet the neighbors is to spend time in your front yard. Go for a walk, a bike ride or just hang out on your front porch.

If you do these things we've suggested, you are sure to be discovered by neighborhood kids and families and your child will feel happy and settled into their new home and neighborhood before you know it.

Welcome to your new home in the Denver metropolitan area. The following information should be helpful whether you are a newcomer or simply moving within the area. Keep this reference guide in a handy place so you can refer to it often.

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Ten Digit Dialing

As a newcomer, you need to be aware that Colorado has ten-digit local dialing. It's really very easy. Just remember to dial the area code before the seven-digit local number. Dialing "1" before the ten digits is only needed when placing a long distance call. Keeping this in mind could prevent you from seeing unnecessary long-distance charges on your telephone bill. Remember, too, that you shouldn't dial a "0" when placing a ten-digit local call. Doing so will only route your call directly to a telephone operator.

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A newcomer to Colorado must obtain a Colorado driver license within 30 days after establishing residency. In most cases, if your present license is valid, you will only need to pass a written examination and eye test. For more information call 303-205-5600 or visit colorado.gov/dmv.

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For further questions call the Department of Revenue Emissions at 303-205-5603.

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To obtain your registration you must register your car in the county where you live and you must bring the following items:

1) A valid emissions test and a form DR2087 showing verification of your vehicle I.D. number. Both of these are available from an Emissions Inspection Station.
2) Vehicle title and registration.
3) Proof of insurance, which must include the year, make, and vehicle identification number (VIN) of the vehicle. Also, be sure to include the policy effective date.

A Colorado State vehicle inspection is required on all vehicles purchased with an out-of-state title. Fees may be paid by check, cash or money order.

You can contact your particular county for further information. Operating hours may vary. Check with each office for details.

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1) Pass all required exams, which may include written, vision and road skills.
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3) Reside at a Colorado residence address and provide proof of legal presence.
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Boulder County 303-441-4444
Denver Police 720-913-2000
Douglas County 303-660-7505
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Rocky Mountain Poison Center and Drug Center 303-739-1123
Xcel Energy Electric Outage 1-800-895-1999
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HomeSmart from Xcel Energy Appliance Repair & Replacement 1-866-837-9762
Business Solutions Centers – Customer Service & Billing... 1-800-481-4700

Other

Call Before You Dig/Utility Notification Center of Colorado 1-800-232-1991
Web site co811.org

Telephone

CenturyLink 800-603-6000
centurylink.com

Water: The Denver Water Department is the major supplier for the Denver metro area, although there are some exceptions depending upon where you live. For further information on billing and service in your area, contact the Denver Water Customer Service Department.

Customer Care 303-893-2444
After Hours Emergencies 303-628-6801

U.S. Postal Service

Postal Answer Line 1-800-275-8777
www.usps.com

Libraries

Arapahoe 303-542-7279
Aurora 303-739-6600
Brighton 303-405-3230
Boulder 303-441-3100
Denver Public Library, Main 720-865-1111
Douglas County 303-791-7323
Englewood 303-762-2560
Jefferson County 303-235-5275

Credit Unions

Westerra Credit Union 303-321-4209

Free Consumer Guide Smart Energy Living

Learn how to reduce energy consumption, save money and improve Colorado's environment with energy-efficient home improvements from The Colorado Energy Science Center (CESC). To learn more visit energyscience.org

Trash Removal

For customer service questions regarding trash & recycling services in the city and county of Denver ..... (720-913-1311)

Recycling Hotlines

Colorado Energy Office 303-866-2100
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) 303-692-2000

Environmental Recycling Hotline: This national hotline provides information on where to recycle waste paper and boxes, glass, scrap metals, plastic, waste oil and tires. It has a database of state recycling programs which lets callers enter their zip code to find recyclers in their area. Visit earth911.com or call 1-800-253-2687

City of Denver 3-1-1 Call Center

Citizens in Denver can now call 3-1-1 as a free service to get answers regarding all city related business including reporting a pothole, purchasing a parking permit, starting a new business or getting a marriage license. Also visit www.denvergov.org.

Dial 2-1-1 For A Community Connection

Colorado 2-1-1 launched in metro Denver and surrounding communities in October 2003. It gives citizens one number to call when they need access to human services such as food bank locations, low cost healthcare for children as well as a direct link to non-emergency help for all kinds of community services. Visit 211colorado.communityos.org

Denver/Boulder Better Business Bureau

The BBB is a membership-based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and fostering the highest ethical relationship between businesses and the public through voluntary self-regulation, consumer and business education and service excellence. The BBB offers free information to the community regarding local businesses and charities. Visit denver.bbb.org or telephone 303-758-2100

Chambers of Commerce

For helpful information on schools, cable service, cultural events, community activities, libraries and parks, call your county's Chamber of Commerce.

Arvada ..... 303-424-0313 arvadachamber.org
Aurora ..... 303-344-1500 aurorachamber.org
Boulder ..... 303-442-1044 boulderchamber.com
Denver ..... 303-534-8500 denverchamber.org
Golden ..... 303-279-3113 goldenchamber.org
South Metro Denver 303-795-0142
(Englewood & Littleton) bestchamber.com
West Metro ..... 303-233-5555 westchamber.org
Metro North 303-288-1000
metronorthchamber.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Metro Volunteers 303-282-1234
metrovolunteers.org
Boulder County Volunteer Connection 303-444-4013
volunteer.unitedwayfoothills.org
CareConnect of Boulder County... 303-443-1933
careconnectbc.org

Online Schools

No matter where you live in Colorado, you can enroll your child in an online school of your choice at no cost because it is a public school. For a complete listing of online schools in Colorado, cde.state.co.us/onlinelearning/schools.htm.

Schools

Information on the school districts in the seven county Denver metro area may be obtained by contacting:

Colorado Department of Education.....
303-866-6600 ..... cde.state.co.us

Child Care Referrals

City of Boulder Child Care Resource and Referral Program 303-441-3544
bouldercolorado.gov

Jefferson County Child Care Association 303-932-2750
jeffcochildcare.org

Senior Services

American Assn. of Retired Persons Colorado State Office..... 866-554-5376
aarp.org/states/co

DRCOG Area Agency on Aging 303-455-1000
drcog.org

CareConnect of Boulder County... 303-443-1933
careconnectbc.org

Innovage. 303-300-6906
myinnovage.org

Denver Metro Area Hotspitals

Aurora - HealthONE - The Medical Center of Aurora 303-695-2600
auroramed.com

Aurora - HealthONE - Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital 303-367-1166
spaldingrehab.com

Boulder - Boulder Community Health 303-440-2273
bch.org

Brighton - Platte Valley Medical Center 303-659-5800
pvmc.org

Centennial - HealthONE - Centennial Medical Plaza 303-699-3000
auroramed.com

Denver - Centura Health - Porter Adventist Hospital..... 303-778-1955
porterhospital.org

Denver - Centura Health - St. Anthony Central Hospital..... 720-321-0000
stanthonyhosp.org

Denver - Children's Hospital..... 800-624-6553
childrenscolorado.org

Denver - HealthONE - Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center 303-839-6000
pslmc.com

Denver - HealthONE - Rose Medical Center 303-320-2121
rosemed.com

Denver - Denver Health Medical Center 303-436-4949
denverhealth.org

Denver - National Jewish 877-225-5654
nationaljewish.org

Denver - St. Joseph Hospital..... 303-812-2000
sclhealth.org

Denver - University of Colorado Hospital..... 720-848-0000
uchealth.org

Denver - Veterans Affairs Medical Center 303-399-8020
denver.va.gov

Englewood - HealthONE - Swedish Medical Center 303-788-5000
swedishhospital.com

Lafayette - Good Samaritan Medical Center ..... 303-689-4000 sclhealth.org

Littleton - Centura Health - Littleton Adventist Hospital 303-730-8900
mylittletonhospital.org

Lone Tree - HealthONE - Sky Ridge Medical Center 720-225-1000
skyridgemedcenter.com

Longmont - Longmont United Hospital..... 303-651-5111
luhcares.org

Louisville - Centura Health – Avista Adventist Hospital..... 720-636-9237
avistahospital.org

Parker - Parker Adventist Hospital 303-269-4000
parkerhospital.org

Thornton - HealthONE - North Suburban Medical Center 303-451-7800
northsuburban.com

Westminster - Centura Health - St. Anthony North Hospital..... 720-627-0000
stanthonynorth.org

Wheat Ridge - Lutheran Medical Center 303-425-4500
sclhealth.org

Daily Newspapers

There are two daily newspapers in the Denver/Boulder metro area. To order a home subscription call:

The Denver Post..... 303-832-3232
The Daily Camera..... 303-442-1202

Landscaping Help

For help in finding a landscape contractor, visit the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado at alcc.com or call 303-757-5611. An ALCC landscape contractor can help improve your yard with design, planting, repairs, maintenance, water features, xeriscape, decks and patios, fencing, walls and sprinkler systems.

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(near I-70).....303-384-3000
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Outlets at Castle Rock - South of
Denver on I-25 at Exit 184 303-688-4495
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Denver on I-25 at Exit 257B....970-663-1916
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16th Mall & Lawrence.....303-628-1000
Tamarac Square
7777 E. Hampden Ave.....877-225-5337
The Shops at Northfield Stapleton
8340 Northfield Blvd.....303-375-5475
The Streets at SouthGlenn
University & Arapahoe.....303-539-7141

Attractions & Entertainment

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Grave ..... 303-526-0744 buffalobill.org
Butterfly Pavilion and Insect Center
303-469-5441 butterflies.org
Children's Museum of Denver..... 303-433-7444
mychildsmuseum.org
Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.....720-258-3888
coloradosports.org
Colorado State Capitol 303-866-2604
colorado.gov/capitol
Coors Brewing Company Tours 303-277-2337
coors.com
Denver Art Museum 720-865-5000
denverartmuseum.org
Denver Botanic Gardens 720-865-3500
botanicgardens.org
Denver Coliseum Box Office.....720-865-2475
denvercoliseum.com

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Read this to avoid the 'NOT READY' emissions inspection blues

So, you've just moved to *Colorful* Colorado and you realize you need an emissions inspection in order to register your vehicle in your newly chosen county. A quick tune-up seems in order. You take your vehicle to the shop, it's given the once-over and you're on your way to an Air Care Colorado emissions inspection station.

Imagine your surprise – and frustration – when the friendly emissions inspector tells you she can't test your vehicle because it's "NOT READY" to be tested. Or you may have already had an inspection but your vehicle failed. You had repairs done and have now returned to the inspection station for the retest but the inspector tells you he can't test your vehicle because it's "NOT READY."

What?! The engine starts, the car drives just fine, it has just been tuned-up/repaired. What on earth does "NOT READY" mean?!

It means that your vehicle's OBD (On Board Diagnostics) computer monitoring system has recently been cleared or reset, or the vehicle battery has been disconnected. And, it means that you must now drive the vehicle for a while – a drive cycle or two – so that the OBD system can perform diagnostic 'self-checks' to restore information about the vehicle's emissions control devices before it can be inspected.

Vehicles less than 12 years old require an OBD (On-Board Diagnostics) inspection. The OBD inspection is a "plug-in" computerized test that reads information that has been recorded during the vehicles recent driving history. OBD continuously self-tests the vehicle's emissions control systems, using various monitors, to determine if a device or system is failing; think of a continuous on-road emissions inspection.

If an OBD self-test has been completed, the system will be reported as "READY." An incomplete self-test will be reported as "NOT READY." A vehicle with "NOT READY" status cannot be inspected until self-testing is complete and the monitors are set to "READY."

What causes a "NOT READY" designation?

- Recent vehicle repairs in which diagnostic trouble codes have been cleared with an OBD scan tool
- Recently disconnected or replaced battery
- Recent computer software upgrade
- Pending problem(s) that has not yet illuminated the "check engine" light

What now?

To allow a vehicle's monitors to reset and become "READY" it must be driven so that self-tests can be completed and the monitors can be reset to "READY." To do this the vehicle must run through its specific drive cycle, which depends on the vehicle make and model and which monitor(s) need to be reset. In most cases, two drive cycles are required to reset the monitors.

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fourmilepark.org
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elitchgardens.com
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For season tickets or information on the following teams and sporting attractions call:
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Golf in Colorado

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Dog Friendly Places in Colorado

Colorado residents love their dogs! Woofalong.com is Colorado's #1 resource for finding dog friendly businesses and activities. Find out which restaurants, breweries, shops, businesses, activities, hikes and trails are available for you and your dog.

Tourism

To receive travel and tourism information for Colorado, call 1-800-COLORADO or visit colorado.com.

Parks & Recreation Information

For information on Colorado Parks and Wildlife, please visit cpw.state.co.us. There are 41 parks in the state park system—nine in the Denver metro area. They offer fishing, hiking, boating, camping and a subscription offer to *Colorado Outdoors Magazine*.

National Park Service 303-969-2500
U.S. Forest Service 303-275-5350
Rocky Mountain Region

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

For information on residency requirements and license fees call the Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 303-297-1192 or visit cpw.state.co.us. Licenses can be purchased at any Colorado Parks and Wildlife office or at most sporting goods stores.

Hunting Info Hotline (24 hours) ..303-291-7529
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Winter Adventure Awaits at Colorado's State Parks

As the snow falls in the Colorado high country, summer hikes and nature walks give way to snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Colorado's 41 state parks also offer sledding, ice-fishing or cozy stays in our cabins and yurts. Whether you are a seasoned pro, or just getting started, you're sure to have a great time at a nearby state park.

Park staff can provide tips on the best trails and terrain for your choice of activity. Contact the park directly or check conditions on Colorado Parks and Wildlife's web page, cpw.state.co.us, before heading out. Not sure where to go? Try visiting one of these parks:

- **Golden Gate Canyon State Park:** A variety of snowshoeing and skiing trails are available at Golden Gate Canyon State Park. If you're new to snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, try Reverend's Ridge Campground. The terrain if mostly flat and the unplowed open roadways invite you to learn this great sport.
- **State Forest State Park:** Begin your trek right from the Moose Visitor Center, where there is a 6-mile groomed trail that runs along the banks of the Michigan River. Other trails in the park offer intermediate and strenuous routes.
- **Sylvan Lake State Park:** Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are great ways to enjoy the pristine beauty of Sylvan Lake. Trek around the lake or through the park to experience the winter solitude. Miles of peaceful beauty await you! Snowshoes can be rented at the park's visitor center.
- **Eleven Mile State Park:** When the snow gets heavy and makes for difficult ice-skating conditions, switch over to a pair of cross-country skis or snowshoes. The lake surface provides visitors with an excellent opportunity to stay fit during the winter months.
- **Vega State Park:** This state park offers a great snowshoe trail around the lake and easy access to groomed snowmobile trails on the national forest. Make it a weekend and rent one of five cozy cabins.
- **Pearl Lake State Park:** Being off the beaten path, Pearl Lake gets plenty of snowfall each winter and is an excellent place to hop on your skis or snowshoes and go. Try something different this winter. Make a reservation to stay in a yurt and ski right from your front door.
- **Mancos State Park:** Embark on the 5.5 miles of non-motorized trails inside the park, or connect to miles of Forest Service trails.
- **Steamboat Lake State Park:** The park is popular to explore by cross-country skis and snowshoes. Placer Cove and the Sunrise Vista Campground are zoned "non-motorized" in winter and feature a network of groomed trails.

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