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ow that the movers have come and gone, you can congratulate yourself on a job well done. You know how much planning and organization went into making it all happen and you deserve a chance to sit and relax. But don't throw away that checklist just yet. There are still plenty of things to do before you can completely be settled. Here are a few important things to do besides unpacking.



- ✓ 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?

here 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.

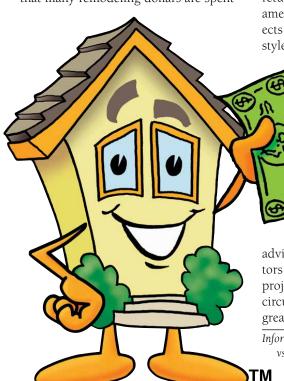
Information provided by "Remodeling 2024 Cost vs. Value Report." Complete data from this report can be downloaded free at www.cost-vsvalue.com.



HOW DOES REMODELING PAY OFF?

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Entry Door Replacement (Steel)	185.2%
Garage Door Replacement	174.4%
Manufactured Stone Veneer	124.3%
Grand Entrance (Fiberglass)	100.4%
Minor Kitchen Remodel	94.3%
Deck Addition (Wood)	75.7%
Bathroom Remodel	72.8%
Siding Replacement (Vinyl)	64.8%
Window Replacement (Vinyl)	63.0%
Deck Addition (Composite)	61.2%
Window Replacement (Wood)	56.2%
Major Kitchen Remodel	51.3%
Roofing Replacement (Asphalt)	50.5%
Bath Remodel Universal Design	42.9%
Bathroom Addition	34.4%
Primary Suite Addition	32.6%



Say Goodbye to the Previous Owners!

hat do you know about the previous owners of your new home? Did they smoke inside the house? Did they have pets? Did they recently remodel? Once way to say goodbye to the previous owners - and their lingering odors - is to get your air ducts cleaned.

Why Clean Air Ducts?

Normal accumulations of dust and dirt can be found in all homes with air ducts. There are several factors that can increase the need for an HVAC system cleaning following your move into a new home:

- Pets did the previous owners have pets?
- Cigarette or cigar smoke did the previous owners smoke in the house?
- Does anyone in your family have allergies or asthma?
- Has there been previous water contamination or damage to the home of HVAC system?
- Is this a newly built, or newly remodeled home? If so, it's likely

the ducts have built up debris from drywall dust and other material used during the construction phase.

Here's What to Expect

Once you've chosen to have your ducts cleaned, your service provider should:

- Open access ports or doors to allow the entire system to be cleaned.
- Use vacuum equipment that exhausts particles outside of the home or use only high-efficiency particle air (HEPA) vacuuming equipment if the vacuum exhausts inside the home.
- Use well-controlled brushing of duct surfaces and vacuum cleaning to dislodge dust and other particles.
- Take care to protect duct work, including sealing, and re-insulate any access holes the service provider may have made or used so they are airtight.

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Avi was great. Good communicator. Very fair and upfront pricing and he educated me and showed me all of the junk coming out of my dryer vent! No wonder he has all 5 star reviews! Avi will be the only guy who touches my ducts and dryer vents! — Pamela B.



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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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Hot Tips - Cold Cash

25 Easy Ways to Save Money and Energy

aving 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:

- 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.
- Use a programmable thermostat. This small investment (usually around \$50-\$300) pays off big. According to ENERGY STAR, the proper use of a pre-programmed thermostat can save hundreds every year in energy costs.
- 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%.
- 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.
- Keep the air flowing by changing your air filter regularly
- Set your tank-based water heater's temperature to 120 degrees for maximum benefit and insulate it for even more savings.

- Need to replace your water heater? Consider a money-saving tankless model or a solar water heater.
- Whatetver new appliance you purchase, make sure it has an **ENERGY STAR rating**
- 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.
- 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.
- A leaky faucet or toilet will flush a lot of your money down the pipes. Fix them immediately!
- Remember, a 10-minute shower uses less water than a bath.
- Install energy-efficient and long lasting CFL bulbs or LEDs wherever possible. This also goes for your outdoor lighting.
- **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.
- Proper use of interior ceiling fans can help keep your house cool in the summer and warm in the winter.
- Simply turning off the lights when you're not in the room will save you money and energy.
- Use only warm or cold water to wash your clothes, and rinse only with cold water.

- 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.
- Use a power strip to centrally shut off all your electronics when not in use.
- Unplug battery chargers and power adapters, which are notorious energy zappers.
- **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.
- 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.
- Wait until your dishwasher is fully loaded before running a cycle.
- 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.
- **Regularly inspect your roof** for damage or leaks around ducts, skylights and chimneys.



BETTER Your Home, BETTER Your School

BETTER Your Home, BETTER Your School is an AFW-exclusive initiative that gives money back to schools all year round. When a participating school community shops at AFW, the company donates a percentage of the subtotal back to that school.

nder the direction of President and CEO Jake Jabs, American Furniture Warehouse (AFW) has been actively involved with our community for more than 40 years. We're proud to support a variety of causes in Colorado, Arizona, and beyond, including education, youth, family, people in need, our environment, veterans, and agriculture. We give to hundreds of different non-profits, service organizations, K-12 schools, technical schools, and colleges on a regular basis.

Student Tours

A FW offers tours of our corporate location to thousands of high school and college students each year to teach them how a business like AFW operates.

Junior Achievement Finance Park

Since 2013, AFW has housed JA Finance Park in our Thornton, Colorado location, which helps students build a foundation for making intelligent personal financial decisions.

Speaking at Schools

Jake gives many talks to students at a number of high schools and colleges. He discusses his journey and how he got to where he is today, his belief in the free enterprise system and entrepreneurship, and his 39 keys to business success.

University of Colorado Denver Business School

n 2013, Jake gifted The Jake Jabs Center for Entrepreneurship (JJCE) at the University of Colorado Denver Business School with \$10 million to help the school expand its entrepreneurship education and research. The JJCE is focused on cross-disciplinary, entrepreneurial concept development as well as graduate and undergraduate entrepreneurial training.

Enhance Your New Living Space with Lamps!

amps can transform your space by adding both functionality and aesthetics. But not all lamps are created equal. Let's take a closer look at how lamps can elevate your space.

Functionality/Uses

- **Increase Visibility and Safety** To brighten up a space to complete a task, such as studying or other deskrelated projects, you need "task lighting." Task lighting focuses on the light exactly where you need it.
- Enhance Mood and Ambiance Is your room doomed with cold, florescent lights? Have no fear, because lamps can instantly warm things up. Ambient lighting can create a warm and inviting atmosphere by evenly dispersing the light throughout your space. These are usually pendant lights, table lamps, and sconces.
- **Highlight Features** If you want to highlight certain decor or architectural features in your home, accent lighting can help. This type of lighting adds depth and visual interest to your space by using light to create focal points. Picture lamps, track lighting, and even table lamps are all examples of this type of lighting.

Buying Guide

At AFW, we offer hundreds of lamps that target your lighting needs in various shapes, sizes, and designs, so you truly have endless options when searching for the right lamp for your home. But with so many options, how do you choose?



Table Lamps

Add a table lamp to bedside tables, credenzas, end tables, and more.

Expert Tip: Select a lamp that fits proportionately to the table or surface where you want to place it. For example, adding a wide base lamp on a narrow end table will reduce the functionality of the table. There won't be room for your phone or TV remote! Instead, find a lamp with a smaller base if you plan to set it on a narrower surface.

Desk Lamps

Create focused illumination for activities like reading, studying, and working, reducing eye strain and disturbing others around you.

Expert tip: Choose a desk lamp with an adjustable head to provide intentional illumination in a specific area, or a



lamp that concentrates the light where you need it, like our CovyBend Desk Lamp.

Floor Lamps

We love floor lamps because not only do they add dramatic light, but they are also a piece of decor that transforms a corner into a cozy reading nook, or an empty space into an inviting sitting area.



Expert tip: For a standard room with an 8-foot ceiling, you should choose lamps that range between 58 to 64 inches tall. These lamps are large enough to make a stylistic statement without overwhelming the space. If you're furnishing a space with taller ceilings (around 10 feet tall), select lamps that range between 70 to 76 inches. These guidelines will keep your space visually balanced and cohesive.

Shed Some Light at AFW

At AFW, we find lamps that don't just light up a room —they reflect your style. Whether you prefer sleek and modern, cozy and transitional, or glitz and glam, we have a range of lamp bases and shades to illuminate and decorate your home. Choose from statement-making floor lamps, sophisticated hanging pendant lights, and stylishly practical table lamps to shine some light on your style.

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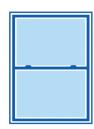
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Create an Outdoor Room

itting comfortably with friends or family in the backyard on a cool summer evening, with a warm fire and dinner sizzling on the grill, is pure pleasure. It is also the reason why people are turning their yards and decks into inviting outdoor living spaces. People are extending the comfort and luxury of their homes into the great outdoors, and the result is the popular trend called the "outdoor room."

Anyone can easily create an outdoor room. In general, the concept encompasses a grilling and eating area, pulled together with a hearth product, such as a fireplace or firepit.

The Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association offers information to consider when designing and building an outdoor room.

Determine Use and Home's Style.

Jot down ideas about how the space will be used in all of its applications, from entertaining to relaxing. Clip or print pictures and put them into a notebook. It's important to have an understanding of a home's architectural style when creating an outdoor room so that the outdoor space accentuates the home's indoor spaces. There are products available for every taste and style.

Visit a Specialty Retailer. Take the notebook and wish list to a specialty retailer that sells hearth, barbecue and patio products. A specialty retailer can help determine the materials and outdoor room products available in an area and guide the final plan, as well as coordinate installation. After obtaining the details from a specialty retailer, go online to review products and manufacturer information.

Consider Fire and Food. These are key elements in every well-designed outdoor room. Position the fireplace as the focal point, blend in the cooking and eating areas and then consider additional features.

Think foundation and draw a

plan. Stone patios, retaining walls, fences and decks are basic foundation elements. The best way to achieve the desired end result is to sketch out a plan. Don't worry about pictureperfect drawings - it's the general idea that counts!

Accessorize with landscaping, furniture and lighting. Select comfortable patio furniture that invites people to settle in for an extended period of time. In addition to tables and chairs for the eating area, consider chaise lounges, couches and side tables. To extend the amount of time spent outdoors, consider lighting for pathways, around pools, or to accentuate landscaping.

Work with a professional. A

specialty retailer is a key partner in creating an outdoor room. In addition to expertise and products, a specialty retailer can offer key insights about what's available in a particular area and what works best in a certain climate.

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Drab to Fab in 3 Easy Steps

Give your old things a new life without busting your budget

ow 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 handme-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.

Keep up to date on the latest paint color trends and take advice from Andrea Magno, Director of Color Marketing and Development at Benjamin Moore. She recently announced the 2025 color of the year as Cinnamon Slate 2113-40; a soft, warm plum color. She describes it as "a mix of heathered plum and velvety brown and is a distinctly modern hue with a complex personality – both elegant and relaxed at the same time."

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.

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< 4 Steps to Digging Safely

- Contact 811: Visit colorado811.org or call 811 to request a free underground utility line locate. This service protects public underground utilities like gas, electric, water, and internet lines. Remember, private utilities won't be included in this service.
- **Wait and Track your Request:** Wait 3 business days and track your request on colorado811.org. The utility companies will respond with a message indicating the status of your request.
- **Respect the Marks:** If utilities are present, the location of the utility line will be identified by paint and/or flags. Once marked, maintain the marks to ensure they remain visible while digging.
- **Dig Carefully:** Always dig cautiously with hand tools when digging within 18 inches of a utility line.

Organizationally challenged?



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

nyone 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-ofseason 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

espite some people returning to the office, many are choosing the flexibility of working at home. Folks are solving the challenge of using the guest bedroom as an office by installing a Murphy Bed, either by itself or with an office to match.

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 is also called, has come a long way since then, with the range of materials and accompanying furniture limited only by your space itself.

"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."

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 2-story showroom which contains over 35 displays," says Steve Beckmann, the owner of Smart Spaces. Now in its 22nd year, Smart Spaces is unique in that its main focus is on the Murphy Bed with its accompanying furniture such as offices, closets and entertainment centers. Steve estimates that they have designed and built over 5000 beds, ranging from the simple side bed for a basement to cabinetry containing everything from wine bars to secret rooms.

"It generally takes people two or three visits to truly decide what will best work for their space. Our designers have excellent software that help the customer envision how their room can be used. Everything is custom built, and designs can often take weeks to complete with the designers coming

out to measure and offer suggestions to modify the plans."

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 and is often used in basements and in narrow rooms where the width is an issue.

Once color, material, mattress and handles are decided, the order goes into production which takes place onsite at the store. (Ask the owners for a peek downstairs to see the beds being made!). A new option available is the Cabinet Murphy Bed, a bed which does not require a wall at all and can be picked up and taken home the same day.

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Moving with Children

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

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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 play-ground. 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.

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6 Tips for Choosing the Right Paint

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

f 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.

How sensitive am I to paint

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-ityourselfers and professional painters.

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.

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.

Do I wish the room were tbigger (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.

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.

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!



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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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 eve test.

For more information call 303-205-5600 or visit colorado.gov/dmv.

Auto Emissions Inspections

Emission testing is required when registering or selling vehicles in the counties of Denver, Boulder, Broomfield, Jefferson, Douglas and partial areas of Adams and Arapahoe counties. Testing can be done at any one of Envirotest's 14 convenient locations, or ask about Rapidscreen Roadside Emissions Testing. For more information on station locations, maps and directions, testing requirements and procedures, company information and job opportunities, visit them on the web at aircarecolorado.com or call the Air Care Colorado Hotline 303-456-7090 (See ad and article page 27.)

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



Automobile Registration

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

- 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.
- Submit previous license, permit, birth certificate or other document that shows proof of identity and current age.
- 3) Reside at a Colorado residence address and provide proof of legal presence.
- 4) Have your photograph and fingerprints taken.
- 5) Pay the required fee.
- 6) Driver's license available at any one of the following offices in the metro area:

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Denver-SW	.303-937-9507
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- Voters who move from one county to another in Colorado must re-register to vote in the new county.
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About Air Care Colorado

Vehicle emissions testing is part of the state of Colorado's overall strategy to improve air quality in and around Denver, Boulder and the North Front Range. Vehicles are one of the largest contributors to harmful air pollution that leads to adverse health effects.

Know Before You Go...

Basic Registration and Emissions Inspection Information

Vehicles eight model years and older require an emissions inspection every other year, and vehicles model year 1981 and older require an inspection every year. Vehicles that are less than eight years old are exempt from inspection. Before a vehicle can be registered in Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer and most of Weld counties, they must first get an emissions inspection and usually a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) inspection. If you are unsure if your vehicle requires an inspection, call the Air Care Colorado hotline at 303-456-7090 and press 0 to speak to an operator.

Because Air Care stations operate on a first-come-first-served basis, it can be difficult to predict how long it will take to get an inspection.

However, if you follow the tips offered below, you can significantly reduce the amount of time it will take.

Best and Worst Times to Test

BEST TIMES...

- · Middle two weeks of the month
- Saturdays

ALWAYS AVOID...

- MONDAYS
- · LAST DAY of the month
- ANY DAY AFTER A HOLIDAY

Motorists are also encouraged to ensure that their vehicles are well maintained. This includes regular oil and filter changes, having properly inflated tires and functioning gas caps. If the 'check engine' light is lit, vehicles less than 12 years old will fail the inspection.

Air Care stations are open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Stations are closed on Sundays and all state holidays.

Need an emissions test? visit one of Envirotest's

14 convenient testing locations throughout the Denver-Boulder metro area.

STATION LOCATIONS

- 5185 N. Marshall Street
- ★ Denver Southeast 10190 E. Warren Avenue
- 12042 E. 30th Avenue
- **★** Golden 15335 W. 44th Avenue

- ★ Boulder
- 5655 Airport Boulevard
- 10727 Centennial Road

★ Broomfield

* Arvada

- 11609 Teller Street
- * Ken Carvl * Longmont

- ★ Castle Rock

4040 Rogers Road

- 541 Topeka Way

1950 E. 112th Avenue

- ★ County Line
- 8494 S. Colorado

10199 Park Glenn Way

- ★ Denver Central 2300 S. Lipan Street
- **★** Sheridan 2802 W. Mansfield Avenue

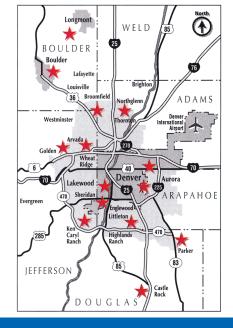
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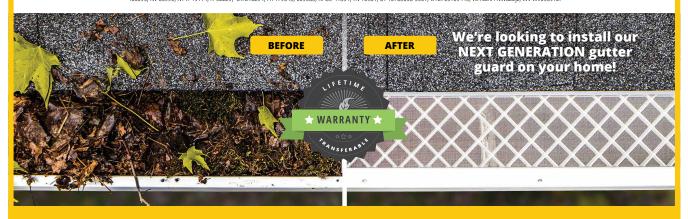
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PLANNING TO DIG SOON?



Why should I contact Colorado 811?

Colorado State Law requires that you place a request to mark where underground public utilities are located to prevent underground damage from digging related activities. Colorado 811 will contact the public underground utility companies in your area to mark your property so you can dig safely.

It's Free! It's Fast! It's the Law!

When should I contact Colorado 811?

Contact Colorado 811 at least three business days before you start any project that requires digging, which includes:

- Landscaping
- Fencing
- Walkway

- Retaining Wall
- Clothesline
- Irrigation

- Dog Fence
- Swing Set
- Mailbox

- Basketball Hoop
- Planting
- Driveway

- Stump Removal
- Patio











< 4 Steps to Digging Safely

- Contact 811: Visit colorado811.org or call 811 to request a free underground utility line locate. This service protects public underground utilities like gas, electric, water, and internet lines. Remember, private utilities won't be included in this service.
- **Wait and Track your Request:** Wait 3 business days and track your request on colorado811.org. The utility companies will respond with a message indicating the status of your request.
- **Respect the Marks:** If utilities are present, the location of the utility line will be identified by paint and/or flags. Once marked, maintain the marks to ensure they remain visible while digging.
- **Dig Carefully:** Always dig cautiously with hand tools when digging within 18 inches of a utility line.

Call Before You Dig

Three working days before you begin any activity that requires digging or excavation, call Colorado 811 for location of underground utilities. This is a free service to you. Statewide 8-1-1

Golf in Colorado

Tourism

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

Attractions & Entertainment

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Colorado Ski Resorts

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Aspen Mountain	800-525-6200
Buttermilk	800-525-6200
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Powderhorn	
Purgatory	
Silverton	
Ski Cooper	
Ski Granby Ranch	
Snowmass	
Steamboat	
Sunlight	
Telluride	
Winter Park	970-726-5514
Wolf Creek	800-754-9653
General Information, snow report,	
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Parks & Recreation Information

For information on Colorado Parks and Wildlife, please visit cpw.state.co.us or call 303-297-1192. There are 42 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 Ro	egion

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 most sporting goods stores.

Colorado Breweries

www.colorado.com/colorado-breweries



Welcome Home – to Colorado

elieve it or not, the rumors are true- there's nothing quite like the Colorado outdoors. Offering scenic views, abundant wildlife and a wide range of recreational opportunities, Colorado's state parks draw visitors from far and wide each year. These state parks can be found in your own backyard or just a day trip away. Online camping reservations at cpwshop.com from 6 months in advance up until the day of arrival make it easy to plan the outdoor getaway of a lifetime. Here are just a few of the unique experiences that await at Colorado state parks this season:

Boating at Jackson Lake State Park

A hidden treasure for those hoping to enjoy the open waters without the crowds, Jackson Lake is located just a few hours northeast of Denver and is three times larger than Cherry Creek Reservoir. Ranked one of the Top 15 Park Beaches by Reserve America, it offers the perfect reprieve as the weather starts to warm up. At night, the park's wide open spaces and dark skies make it an ideal location for stargazing with the family. While a bit further from Denver, Jackson Lake is well worth the drive.

Hiking at Trinidad Lake State Park

Piñon pine and juniper-covered hills at Trinidad Lake provide beautiful trails for the easy-going hiker hoping to take in the sights and sounds. The park is rich with history and heritage, housing several historic sites such as the coal mining ruins at Cokedale and the Santa Fe Trail. Reward yourself after a nice hike around the lake by taking a fishing break or lounging at one of the park's 73 campsites. Trinidad Lake is sure to become your next favorite destination.

Fishing at Crawford State Park

One of the largest warm water fisheries on the West Slope, Crawford is an angler's dream. Surrounded by stunning mountain scenery, there's nowhere better to fish for perch, crappie, lunker, channel catfish, bass and northern pike. The 400-acre reservoir offers a number of recreational opportunities year-round in addition to fishing such as water skiing and ice-skating.

Whatever the activity, Crawford is one for the books.

Cross-country Skiing/snowshoeing at Stagecoach State Park

Nestled in the Yampa Valley of the Rockies, Stagecoach showcases the beauty of Colorado's high-altitude wilderness. The park is especially stunning when blanketed with snow and provides a quiet refuge for crosscountry skiers or snowshoers. Fishing opportunities abound at its 3-mile-long reservoir home to fast-growing, hardfighting rainbow trout, northern pike, and brown trout. Pick up your fishing license at Stagecoach's visitor center and make a day of one of Colorado's favorite pastimes.

Mountain Biking at Staunton State Park

The ideal location for an evening bike ride, Staunton provides nearly 20 miles of multi-use trails through a mosaic of meadows, granite cliffs, mountain forests and swift streams. Discover the park's history at the visitor center. Visitors with limited mobility can explore designated trails through Staunton's Track-Chair Program. It's no wonder that the land was once used as a place of healing by the Staunton family. To learn more about Staunton State Park's Track-Chair Program, visit cpw.info/track-chair-info

Wildlife Viewing at Barr Lake **State Park**

Over 370 species of birds have been sighted at Barr Lake which offers several wildlife viewing stations from which to learn about and observe the park's deer, coyotes and numerous bald eagles. Located right on the northeast side of Denver, the 1,900-acre prairie reservoir is a convenient destination for a family picnic, fishing after work or kayaking on a weekend. Looking out over the water from one of the gazebos towards the striking Rocky Mountain backdrop, you may never want to leave.

For more information and to plan your next adventure in one of Colorado's State Parks, visit cpw.state.co.us.

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mix. Feeding wildlife puts us all at risk. When animals become tame, they migrate closer to towns, bringing natural predators along with them. So by tossing that deer a nibble of your protein bar, you may be inviting a mountain lion to your next neighborhood potluck. Whether you're glamping, camping or hiking, keep your snacks to yourself.

Conservation starts small.





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