



Best Home Improvement Projects for Each Season



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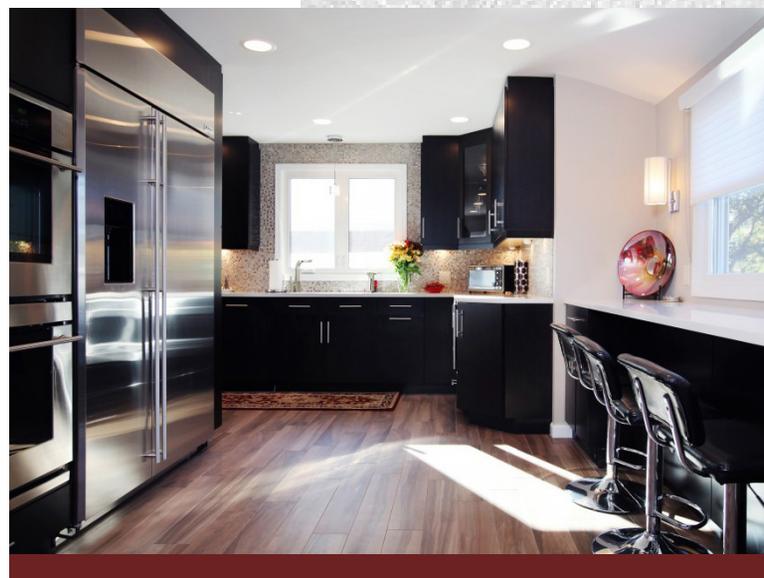


Introduction

Making the decision to renovate your home is exciting but can also be stressful. Whether the goal is to increase property value, boost curb appeal, enhance comfort and convenience or simply give the aesthetic a much-needed makeover, the key to ensuring that any home improvement effort is as satisfying, seamless and successful as it can be comes down to how much time and attention is spent in the planning and preparation phase.

As is the case with many homeowners, you may find yourself wanting a project done at a particular time of year.

In this ebook, we'll offer some insight and guidance on the factors that influence seasonal renovation projects, as well as suggestions as to which home improvement projects are best to tackle during each time of year.





Factors to Consider

Keep in mind that just because some home improvement projects are popular during a season doesn't necessarily mean that is the best time to have that work done. Sometimes it can be the exact opposite.

For example, many homeowners choose to have their deck remodeled once the weather is nice. As such, summer tends to be the busiest season for decking companies. Demand escalates, which can limit contractor availability.

In addition to availability, other factors that influence whether it's a good time of year for a particular home improvement project include:

- **Weather patterns and environmental conditions that affect productivity.**
- **Supply and demand costs (labor and materials).**
- **Project scope and timeline.**

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The Importance of Planning Ahead

To ensure your home improvement project is completed in a timely and affordable manner, it's important to properly plan and prepare ahead of time.

The earlier you get started, the more likely it is that you'll be able to find and book the remodeling company of your choice – before it gets booked up for the season.

In the following chapters, we'll lay out some of the best home improvement projects to consider for each time of year. Of course, there are exceptions and the following isn't to say you can't have any of these services done during a different time of year. Rather, it acts as guidance for when to consider which renovations, based on reasons you may not have considered before.

As a general rule of thumb, remember that if you want a project completed by a particular season – planning should begin in the months preceding it.



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Fall

As October is National Kitchen and Bath Month, it shouldn't come as a surprise that autumn is a great time of year to give these rooms some TLC – particularly the kitchen.

Whether you want to replace the countertops and cabinets, install a new kitchen island or redesign the space entirely, kitchen remodeling is one of the most valuable investments you can make to the home's interior.

Having the kitchen worked on in the fall allows you to ensure the work is completed before the busy holiday season. The colder months can be a chaotic time for everyone – including home remodeling contractors. Because this type of interior project tends to disrupt an area of the home you use most often, it's best to have it taken care of before it's time to host parties and entertain guests.



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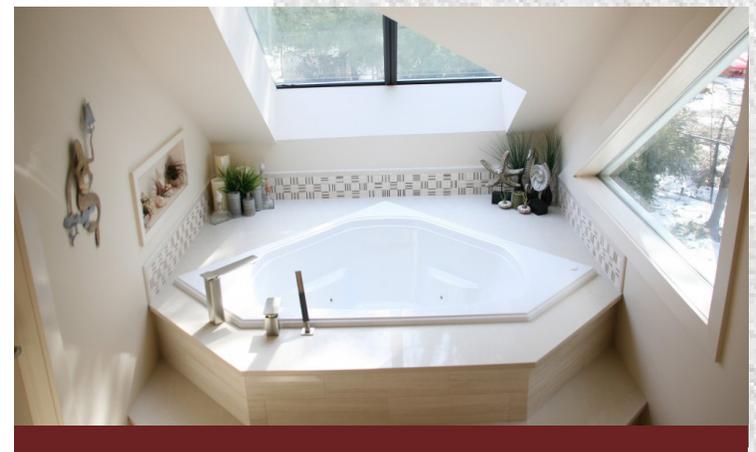


Winter

Similar to kitchens, bathroom remodeling is another interior renovation that is great to tackle in the winter. Since the work is done indoors, there's no need to worry about shorter days cutting into the contractor labor times – as may happen with exterior jobs – or inclement weather stalling production.

When it comes to interior home improvement in the winter, it's wise to choose those that won't take an extensive amount of time to complete.

Bathroom remodeling projects don't tend to be as extensive as kitchen renovations, so there's not as much concern about getting them done in time for the holidays or causing major inconveniences to your normal routine. Many changes can be made to the bathroom in a short period of time that still have a drastic effect.





Spring

Once winter is over and warmer weather starts swinging through, many homeowners are excited about finally being able to open the windows and let some fresh air in. In doing that, though, you may notice just how harsh winter was on your home.

Spring is a great time of year to consider new window installations. The severe weather patterns associated with winter sometimes cause leaks or drafts that can lead to high utility bills.

Installing new windows doesn't just make your home look better from the inside out, it can also help improve the energy efficiency of your home and lower utility bills – which is why it's particularly important to take care of this project before the harsh heat of summer arrives and you kick your air conditioner on into full gear.



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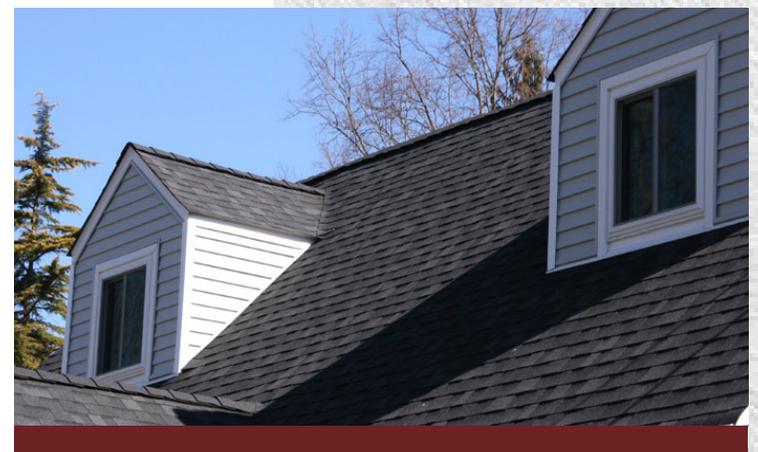


Summer

Painting isn't the only thing you can do to the exterior of your home to significantly enhance its curb appeal. The siding can have a powerful effect on both the appearance and structural integrity of your house.

Getting this exterior home improvement project taken care of now will give you peace of mind knowing that your home is structurally sound and capable of withstanding the natural elements during fall and winter seasons, when the weather tends to be more volatile.

Roof repairs are also great to have done during this time of year. It's easier to notice if something is missing or damaged and, as with siding, taking care of the roof now will mean knowing everything is protected and functioning properly in time for winter.





Conclusion

The success and costs of a home remodeling project hinge on a variety of factors, including the season you choose to have the work done. However, perhaps more important than the time of year the project takes place is the quality and experience of the company hired to do it.

After all, it doesn't matter what the project is or in what season – if the contractor doing the work is unreliable, inexperienced and untrustworthy, you are going to face a whole host of issues.

Once you know what type of remodeling services you want, start planning as soon as possible – ideally a season in advance. This way, you will have ample opportunity and flexibility to see to it that the work gets done on time and on budget under the direction of the right company.

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