

# Modern Plumbing Installations Help Add 'Eye Appeal' And 'Buy Appeal' To Home

An essential factor in selling or renting older homes is interior attractiveness especially in bathrooms, says the Plumbing Fixture Manufacturers' Association.

Builders throughout the nation are concentrating on the installation of colored bathroom fixtures as prime movers in the sale of new homes. To compete with contemporary homes on the real estate market, older houses must spruce up; add color, spaciousness and convenience.

Small, cramped bathrooms with antiquated, noisy, fixtures, unsightly piping and worn flooring are conspicuous eyesores in older homes. With the wide variety of streamlined, colorful bathroom products now available, remodeling is a valuable and wise investment.

For example, modern lavatories, toilets and bathtubs are made in many pleasantly matching pastel shades. Vanity dressing tables, for bath or bedroom installation, come with custom built storage cabinets and vary in shape. Triangular, square, rectangular and especially fitted corner models can be obtained for placement where space is at a minimum.

An important new fixture currently being introduced in American homes is the bidet. Long a standard feature throughout Europe and South America, the bidet is commonly installed adjacent to toilets to permit easier and better rectal hygiene.

Installation of new, colored fixtures in an older bathroom together with proper lighting, ventilation and attractively-toned, painted or wall-papered walls will

add eye appeal, convenience and luxury. The owner who wishes to rent or sell will find that modern, sanitary conveniences will help move his home faster and at a higher price.

Advance planning and the proper selection of fixtures are important to a successful bathroom modernization or expansion program.

Before modernizing, the existing bathroom should be examined to decide whether more "elbow room" can be obtained by re-arranging the fixtures.

Space-saving fixtures now on the market will add precious inches and avoid that cramped, crowded appearance so characteristic of old-fashioned bathrooms.

If you plan to add a bathroom, it is wise to look around the house for a good, convenient location. Many average-size homes offer space possibilities for a second or third bathroom. A "waste" area under the stairs, an unused closet,

## Tips On Finishing Some Light Wood

For an easy, inexpensive "blonde" finish, first apply a coat of interior white undercoat thinned so that the grain pattern shows through. Second: apply clear shellac, flat varnish or lacquer.

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an unnecessary pantry, or even a portion of a large bedroom might well hold the key to extra facilities.

You should also consider the number of people who will be using the new bath. Careful selection of fixtures can reduce bathroom congestion and give lasting satisfaction to the entire family.

## Use Cement Block For Attractive Edge

Making an attractive lawn and flower edging with block is another good do-it-yourself project. This will keep grass from encroaching on flower beds and other areas where not wanted. And edging gives added beauty and trimness to your flower beds, too.

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Here's how you lay the edging block: merely lay in a line or a trench dug to proper depth. Or you can use reinforcing rods through holes provided. They're easiest to align if set in a bed of sand. They can also be laid in gentle curves (block cut for curves or corners usually cost a little more).

Interior decorating, also, is beautifying the bathroom. Floral arrangements, sun-patio extensions, wall-to-wall carpeting, washable, racks and sunlamps are making the modern bathroom a showplace in the American home.

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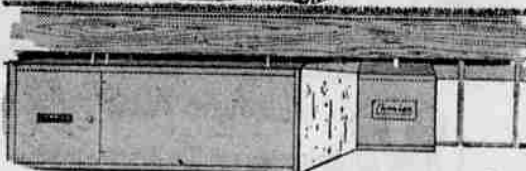
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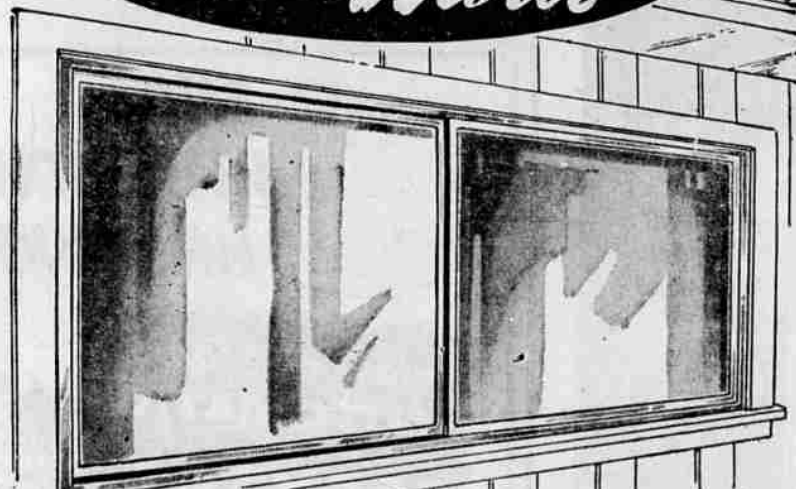
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