

Clean Up Before Fixing Up House In Spring Plans

Home improvement, clean-up, paint-up and light-up all go hand-in-hand with the coming of the spring season.

Spring-cleaning, particularly, is important, especially when planning various remodeling and repair jobs around the house.

Home storage areas probably have collected many waste materials during the winter months. These are unsightly and are fire hazards which should be removed from the home and disposed of immediately.

A good procedure to follow in cleaning out storage areas is to work in one room at a time.

Clear it of old newspapers, magazines, worn-out clothing, unwanted furniture and the countless other items that collect in a home. Carry these materials outside and burn or leave them for the refuse collector.

In burning materials outside the home, remember that trash fires, themselves, may constitute fire hazards if not kept under control.

Control Fires
One way to control trash fires is to use galvanized steel rubbish burners. These containers have close-fitting covers which keep dangerous sparks from flying.

If it isn't possible or practical to burn trash, put it in covered galvanized steel ash or garbage cans.

While filling family garbage containers, it might be a good idea to inspect them for fire safety. If they are made of flammable material or do not have close-fitting covers or side handles, replace them.

As trash removal is taking place, carry a small notebook in which to mark down places and fixtures in the home that are in need of repair.

Take care of as many of them as possible in spare time now and fit the rest into the spring and summer work schedule.

Rewiring Rated First Requisite

Remodeling an older home these days without rewiring it might be compared to building a boat in the middle of the Sahara Desert. Rewiring without a good plan for present and future electrical household needs is almost as ridiculous.

An ideal guide to follow when wiring or rewiring a house is the list of "Gold Medallion" Home Standards. A "Gold Medallion" is awarded by electric utilities to homes that are adequately wired, equipped with modern electric appliances, and heated electrically.

Here are some of the electric features a home owner can enjoy in a home that has been remodeled for better electric living.

Full house power: each room has outlets and power enough for the many appliances that make electric living comfortable and convenient. No point along the baseboards of any room is more than six feet from an electric outlet.

Proper Lights
Above-average lighting: Proper lighting is provided for all family activities, including reading, shaving, watching television, and entertaining. Good lighting inside helps decorate each room. Outside it adds dramatic effects and discourages prowlers.

Electric heating and cooling: electric heat is clean, quiet and comfortable; with air conditioning, it will have perfect indoor "weather" all year long. Windows stay shut against outdoor noise, dirt, and irritants such as pollen, and there are no uncomfortable blasts of heat or chilly, drafty floors and walls.

WASHABLE DOOR PANELS
Protect door bottoms from kick marks, and knob-areas from discoloration, by covering them with decorated panels of plastic-finished paneling. Then a daily sudsy wipe will keep them clean.



EASILY REACHED—Dream closets come true—with a place for everything and everything within easy reach behind handsome louvered doors. There's compartmentalized storage space, adjusted to fit articles of clothing in assorted sizes and shapes.

By Western Pine Association

Appliances Grown In Number, Uses

Appliances have grown in number and uses. A family, who a comparative few years back enjoyed eight appliances, now has 38.

That, power companies say, is the real answer to higher electric bills, although basic cost is actually lower than 20 years ago. Electric lights, a toaster, a refrigerator, a radio, a vacuum cleaner—these luxury items of a few years back have become necessities.

FOR PRIVACY

Garden privacy for family outdoor living can be created by new additions to house or garage, lot boundary trees, shrubs, walls or fences, patio walls, fences or terraces or inter-area hedges, walls or metal fences with hardy evergreen vines.

Glamour Bathrooms In All House Plannings

Interior decorators report that "glamor" bathrooms can now be included in remodeled homes because modern building materials and techniques enable contractors to deliver more value for the buyer's dollar. Decorators point out that only a few tasteful accessories are needed to complete a bathroom that has been designed for both style and service.

Marble Favored
Leading designers are constantly introducing distinctive marble patterns, and even handsome woodgrains, into bathroom decor. These same decorative themes can be incorporated into almost any home plan by using "Marlite," a predecorated hardboard paneling, available at lumber dealers in 10 "companion colors," seven woodgrains and six marble patterns.

Resist Acid
These panels, whose marble and woodgrain patterns are authentic reproductions of selected natural materials, provide a "permanent decor" because they never need refinishing. Their plastic-finish smooth surface resists moisture, heat, stains, acid and other hard wear. The panels may be cleaned with an occasional damp wiping.

Among the new bathroom treatments introduced by interior decorators are rooms with a marble-patterned wainscot or accent wall. Rich cherry, natural walnut or striped mahogany woodgrains also are gaining popularity as a bathroom wall paneling.

For those who prefer plain colors, Marlite is available in 16 inch planks that are particularly effective in a smaller bathroom where alternating pastel shades create a feeling of spaciousness. These planks may also be used around the vanity, storage space or dressing area in a larger bathroom.

Scholarships Given By Chemistry Firm

Washington—(UPI)—In six communities where it has plants, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation finances concentrated advanced chemistry and physics courses for academically talented high school students.

The project was cited in the current issue of "Medicine at Work," a publication for doctors. Since the program began in 1957, graduates of the courses have earned over \$300,000 in college scholarships.

Air Conditioning Enriches Summer

Are you planning a complete air conditioning treatment for your home?

Where there is an obsolete gravity furnace, or a worn-out forced air heating plant, replacement with one of the many top-flight "round heating and cooling units, is the most economical in the long run.

If you plan to replace a forced air furnace, you'll be able to use existing ductwork. Scrapping your old furnace and streamlining basement ducts may provide you with an "extra" room for any purpose you may choose.

Enjoy Warmth
Homes having "wet heat", floor furnace or space heaters can enjoy warm weather cooling with specific cooling-dehumidifying units that are installed with a minimum of ductwork. These usually are connected to an outside refrigerating unit.

Conversion to all-season conditioning can be simple with a forced air furnace that's in good condition.

Central air conditioning installations in existing homes can be financed on FHA improvement loans and in many cases can be added to an existing long-term mortgage.

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Spring Is Time To Moth Proof Furs, Woolens

Spring is the ideal time to moth-proof closets to help give more protection for valuable woolens and furs. Once these are taken out of their protective bags, they become fair game for pesky moths.

One of the most effective and economical ways to protect all clothing is to install aromatic red cedar linings in closets. This easy-to-handle material, available in pre-packaged bundles at local lumber dealers, can be installed right over closet walls. It also can be nailed over open framing in a new closet.

Kills Moths
The natural fragrance of this distinctive southern wood, so pleasing to humans — is "death" to moths. It paralyzes them at an early stage.

Other qualities make cedar closets desirable as a home feature include attractiveness and easy upkeep. The beautiful rose and white coloring of the cedar grain presents a handsome appearance.

The wood requires very little care. No initial or periodic finishing of red cedar closet lining is required. The only upkeep recommended is an occasional dusting.

Sturdy Build
Aromatic red cedar closet lining is tongue-and-grooved at sides and ends so that pieces fit snugly. This not only facilitates application, but also makes for solid, unbroken surfaces.

Cedar closet lining can be applied to plastered or finished wallboard. Apply the lining, which comes in 3/8" thick strips, horizontally on the walls. Begin at the bottom and work up.

Place the first piece with the groove edge on the floor and the groove side against the adjacent wall in the corner. The tongue edges of this piece will fit into the groove end of the second piece. When you are finished with the first row, proceed on up the wall.

Lining Secure
Only one nail at each stud is needed to secure cedar closet lining. The first row, however, should have nails near the top and bottom of each piece. Usually studs are located at the corner of an existing closet. To verify this, measure off 16 inches and drive in a nail to see if there is solid backing.

To realize the maximum moth-protection benefits from a closet lined with aromatic red cedar, follow these general rules:

Air Tight
Keep the closet as air-tight as possible. Close the door securely after storing or removing articles.

Wipe the cedar occasionally with a dry cloth to remove dust and dirt.

Sand the wood lightly every year or so to reopen any closed wood pores and renew the strength of the cedar fragrance.

Air dry or dry clean all articles before storing them.

An entire closet can be lined over a week end for approximately \$50. In addition to providing valuable moth-free storage space, a cedar-lined closet will increase the value of the house in today's competitive market.

EVERGREEN SHRUBS

Flowering evergreen shrubs include the rhododendrons, azaleas, laurels, pieris and many others that can be spectacularly beautiful in flower.

There is a long list of these, particularly in the less severe climates.

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