

Making Home Improvements

In addition to the regular maintenance and repairs to your home, you will want to continue improving and upgrading your home, for your own comfort and pleasure and to increase the value of your investment. There are many things you can do to maintain and increase the value of your home. It is a good idea to look at all remodeling through the eyes of prospective buyers.

Keep the following guidelines in mind as you continue to improve your home:

- Stick with fairly neutral colors for wall paint and carpeting. Indulge yourself in more exotic colors on upholstery and other "portable" items.
- Consider updating the bathrooms and kitchens in an older home. These rooms are most likely to improve the resale value of a home.
- Put some time, energy, and imagination into your landscaping. You can dramatically improve the appearance of your home with the right planting.
- Pay attention to the "curb appeal" of your home. Make sure your front door is painted, and that light fixtures are clean and attractive.