



# News and Views

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## Paul Receives MVP Award



Paul was recently awarded the Spring MVP Award from the members of his Remodelers Advantage Roundtables group. The MVP award was given to Paul in recognition of the many contributions he has made to his group and how he has helped the other remodeling companies that are members of his group improve their business practices and standards.

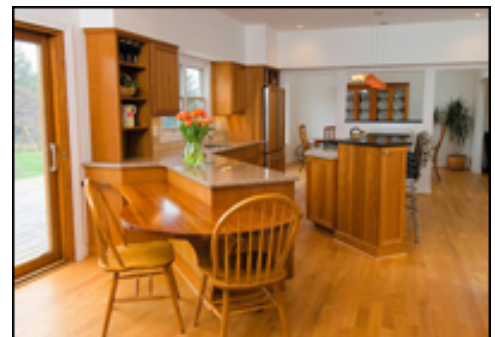
Remodelers Advantage Roundtables is an organization of more than 200 remodeling companies from the US and Canada, which form several smaller groups of non-competing firms that meet regularly to help each other improve their companies and help raise the bar on what it means to be a professional remodeler. Paul is proud to play a part in this process, and proud to accept this award.

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## Hundreds Visit LaRoe Remodeling Project at Fourth Annual NARI Home Remodeling Tour!

On the weekend of May 18th, LaRoe Remodeling participated in the Fourth Annual NARI Home Remodeling Tour with more than a dozen other remodeling firms. It was an exciting opportunity to show a lot of homeowners just what we can do. If you've never been to a home remodeling tour, it's basically just what it sounds like:

homeowners who we've done work with agree to let other homeowners take a tour of their new spaces in order to get ideas for their own homes as well as check out the quality of design and construction that different remodeling firms can provide. We



received a lot of great feedback from the tour, and, as always, look forward to participating in more of them in the future! If you're interested in attending a remodeling tour, remember to keep checking your e-mailbox for our monthly newsletter- we'll keep you up to date.

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## Painting Tips – Clean Up

Here are some useful tips on cleaning up after painting your home.

**Preparation:** Avoid messes before they happen. Make sure to lay down drop cloths before you begin painting. Anything that cannot be covered should be removed from the room. Painters tape can be used on edges to prevent paint from accidentally dripping on your trim.

**Simple Clean Up:** After the paint has dried, remove your drop cloths. Carefully remove the painters tape, as it can sometimes remove some of the new paint as well. Dried paint on windows, tile, or glass can be carefully scraped off with the straight edge of a box cutter.

**Brushes and Rollers:** Wash your brushes in warm soapy water before the paint dries. If the paint does dry, use vinegar to soften the paint. To keep your brushes soft, soak them for a short time in fabric softener. After the brushes have been completely cleaned, hang them to dry.

**Clothes and Carpeting:** Paint on clothing and carpeting can be difficult to remove. The best thing to do is wear clothes that can be damaged and put drop cloths down on the floor. If you do need to remove paint, try rubbing alcohol and water. On your clothes, try scrubbing with a rough brush. For your carpet, blot, don't scrub. If it's a small area, it may be better to simply trim that spot off after it dries.

**Yourself:** Rubbing baby oil on your skin before you shower will help the paint wash off easier.

**Extra Paint:** Never pour paint down the drain, on the ground, or in a garbage can. Paint is considered a hazardous waste and should be disposed of properly. Contact your local government to learn about waste disposal programs in your area. Or, if there is a large amount of paint left over, consider donating it to a local school, church, or community center.

For larger projects in your home, it may be easier to find a professional remodeler or handyman service to do the job for you. They can take care of all preparation, work, and clean up for you.

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## Monthly Home Maintenance Tip

## **Have Trees and Bushes Trimmed Back From Your Home.**

Overhanging trees and bushes can damage your home during a storm. They also can provide cover for intruders around your home. You want to have your plant life trimmed at least once a year to avoid trimming too much at a time and harming the plants.

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