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Thank You!

We'd like to thank everyone who came out to see us at last month's home tour. The event was a great success and we received a lot of positive feedback from visitors to our project. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did and got some good ideas for your home. If you couldn't make it out this time, don't worry- we'll be participating in more home tours soon. Stay tuned for information!

Lighting is a Design Tool

No matter how much time or how many resources you devote to making your home beautiful, if you don't take lighting into consideration, it will never reach its full potential. That is because, with the flip of a switch, lighting sets the mood, directs your attention, and influences the entire atmosphere of the room. If you are considering remodeling your home, here are some tips.

The types of lighting used in a room should be determined by how that room is to be used. There are four basic types of lighting that can be combined for various effects.

Natural light is the most dynamic form of lighting and requires careful planning if you intend to use it to its fullest. Because of the movement of the sun, natural light changes the appearance of colors inside your home as the time of day, season, and weather change.

Artificial ambient light illuminates the entire room. It can be soft or bright, depending on the effect you are trying to achieve. It is generally best to use several light sources, rather than just one, to evenly distribute light.



Artificial or natural task lighting provides extra light where it's needed to help you read, cook, work, walk on an outside path at night, and more. Task light can often add drama to a room and define spaces.

Accent lights allow you to define spaces, focus attention on photos and artwork, and create dramatic effects using the interplay of light and shadow. With today's wide selection of lighting fixtures, the fixtures themselves can also be used to enhance the personality and beauty of your room.

By using these four lighting techniques appropriately, your home can become more beautiful and more functional. Think about it early on, discuss it with your remodeler before the start of design, and don't sign off on the plans for building until you are comfortable with your plans for lighting.

Monthly Home Maintenance Tip

Check Chimneys and Flues

Chimneys and flues should be checked and cleaned annually to prevent buildup. (More if used frequently.) Residue on the inner surface of the flue can catch fire. Also check that no animals have made a nest inside.

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