



Greetings!

Summertime is rapidly coming to an end. One wouldn't think so after the last few weeks of higher temps we have experienced. Nevertheless, we find ourselves in September already.



Now is a good time to take care of the following maintenance items.

1. Add weatherstripping to doors and windows especially if they are older. Keep the cold and moisture out and the heat or air conditioning in.
2. Repair or replace broken or cracked storm windows. It's a good time to clean them too.
3. Check out your insulation. Do you need to raise up the R value for a more comfortable winter?
4. Clean the gutters so they are free of twigs, leaves and other debris.
5. Caulk the Exterior. Any gap on the outside is a candidate for caulking. Look at corners, windows, doors, areas where masonry joins siding, or places where vents and other objects protrude from walls. Now is the best time to do this before caulk becomes difficult to apply when the temperature falls.
6. Clean out the dryer venting. From the dryer to the outlet. Use a shop-vac with a long wand.
7. Inspect the roof and chimney. Replace or repair any missing or damaged shingles, flashing and sealed joints. Maybe some critters are living in your chimney. Fix it now or suffer through the winter.
8. Keep the mice OUT. They're looking now for their winter home. A mouse can work it's way in through a 1/4" gap. Adjust doors and thresholds,

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## 7 Bathroom Remodeling Secrets

Both time and money will be needed to properly remodel a bathroom. Sometimes it can seem like a never-ending project, but there are things that you can do to get your remodeling job done as quickly as possible in the bathroom. If you want to ensure you get a great bathroom as quickly as possible, here are 7 bathroom remodeling secrets you need to implement into your remodeling project.



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### **Secret #1 - Start with a Good Plan**

One of the 7 bathroom remodeling secrets that can make your remodeling project a success is to start with a good plan. You can get started without having a good plan behind you or you'll end up spending a huge amount of money, the remodel will take a long time, and you won't be happy with the results. Consider the layout, the features you want, and your budget. Come up with a plan in the beginning and everything will flow smoothly through the rest of the remodel.

### **Secret #2 - Get Everything You Need for the Remodel**

Next, make sure you get everything you need for the remodel. The last thing you want is to have the remodel delayed

screen off necessary openings, vents, and doggie doors. Make sure the garage door doesn't have gaps. I used to have to put mouse traps in my car. Somehow they worked there way inside and set up home in my blower unit. Ahh, country living!

9. Furnace tune-up. Do it now to be ready for the fall and winter season. (See the valuable coupon below.)

If there are any of these things you would like to hire out be sure to give us a call or [request a referral here](#). We have the best contractors in the Fort Wayne area in our network who will do the job right... the first time.

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Thanks, and until next month... Happy Renovations!

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Mike Carr

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because of materials that are on back order. Before you even start on the project, get everything that is needed. Then, if you end up waiting, it doesn't become such a huge inconvenience.

### Secret #3 - Choose a Quality Contractor

Another of the 7 bathroom remodeling secrets that is very important is to choose a quality contractor. This is going to be a huge investment and you probably don't have all the expertise needed to pull this off. While you'll pay for a quality contractor, you'll ensure that the project is done right and it will help you ensure you raise home value instead of lowering it with a badly done remodel.

### Secret #4 - Repair Instead of Replace When Possible

If possible, repairing instead of replacing is a big secret that saves both time and money. Repairing is a lot faster and cheaper. If you don't have to replace something, repairing it is a great option.

### Secret #5 - Avoid Moving the Plumbing

If you can, avoid moving the plumbing around. When you have to move the plumbing around in a bathroom, it gets expensive and time consuming. While there are some cases where you may have to move plumbing around, if you don't have to don't!

### Secret #6 - Go with Pre-Fab Options

Going with pre-fab options is another secret that can help you get your remodel done quickly and for a cheaper deal too. Sure, custom tiling looks great; however, it is expensive and can take a lot of time to finish as well. Choosing pre fabricated surrounds for the showers and tubs will save you money and time and they still look great.

### Secret #7 - Don't Make Changes

\* Last, don't make changes. This is one of the most important secrets out of the 7 bathroom remodeling secrets that we have discussed. The more changes you make the more your remodel is going to cost and the longer it will take. Stick to your plans unless there is a major problem for the best results.

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