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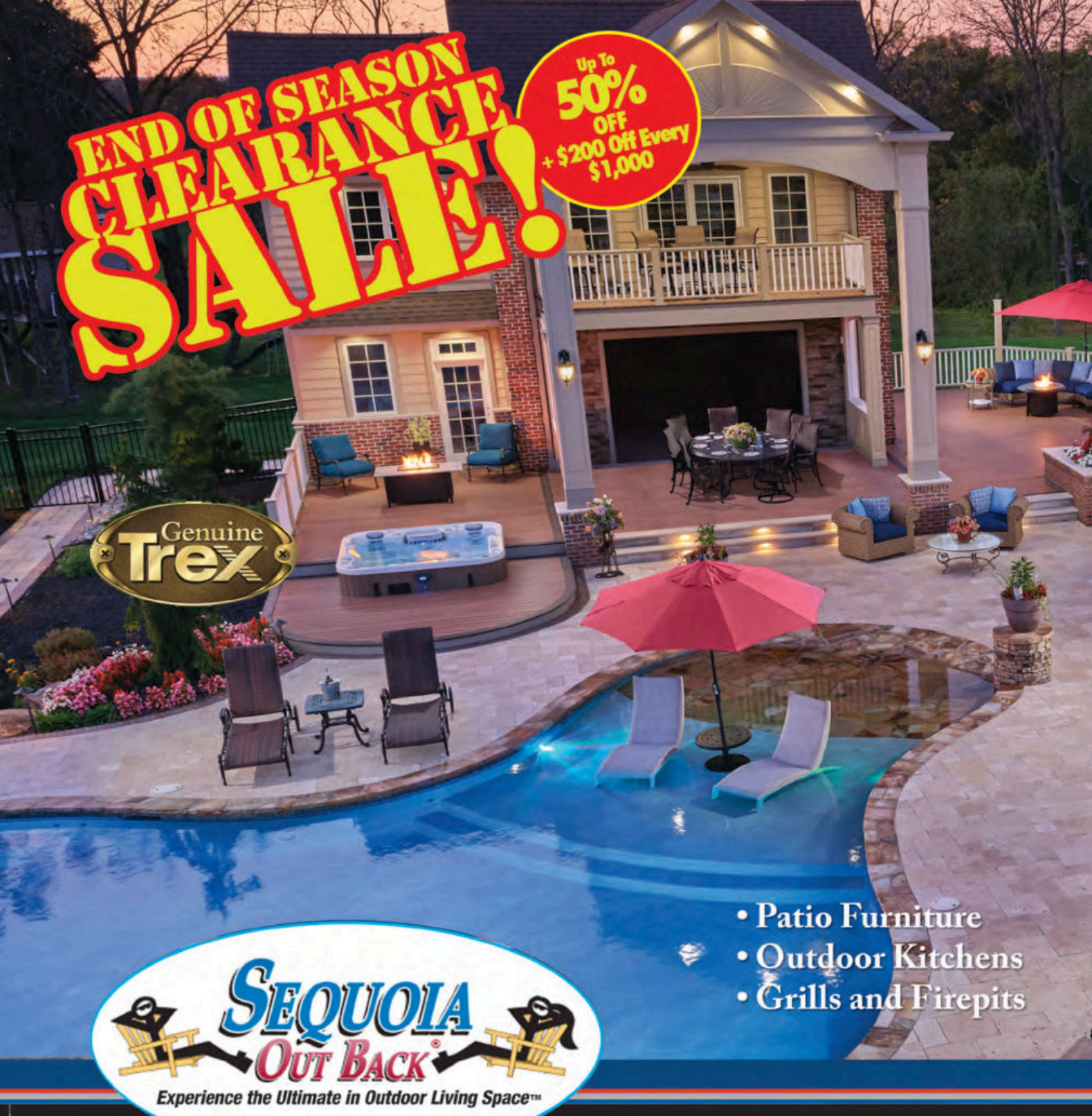
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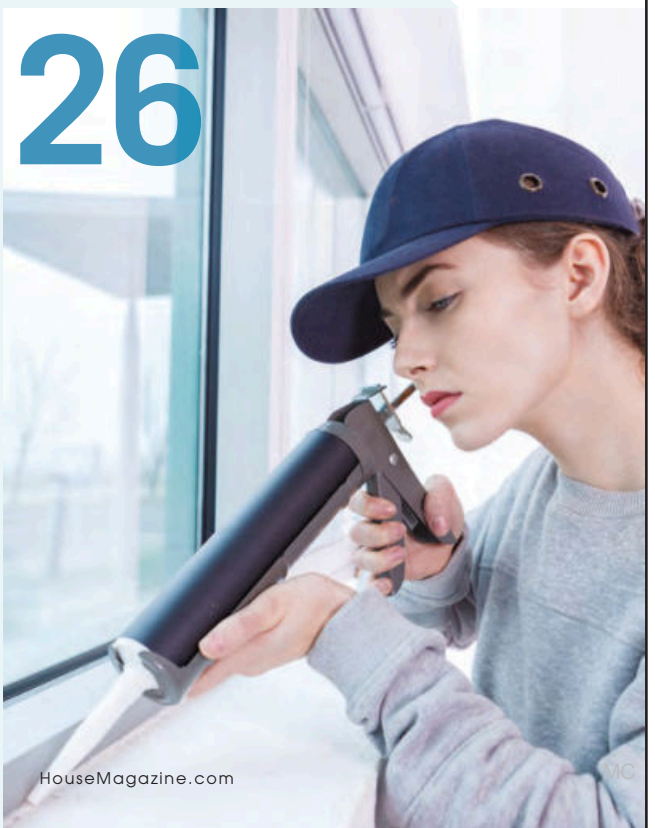
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Family values, happy customers triumph over pandemic.

Nearly 50% of American businesses are closed temporarily, or operating at a loss, because of the devastating aftershocks of the COVID-19 pandemic and the worldwide economic slowdown. Many businesses have closed their doors forever. However, despite the bleak outlook for many, one local business is overwhelmed with new customers. In fact, it's in the midst of an immense expansion, including the conversion of a historic Collegeville home, built in the 1700s, into a second location.

Using a house as an office isn't new for BWS. Its main office, located in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, is also a farmhouse-turned-waterproofing headquarters. It's no coincidence that the company is converting a second home into a new workspace to keep up with its growing business. "Our goal has always been to treat you like family. That's not a marketing gimmick. We teach our inspectors and work crews to treat every single client's home as if it were the house of one of their family members," says Ken Klinger, his wife Deb and daughter Anne.

This philosophy has paid off well for both the company and its clients. It's been a happy home to many pets. Employees are encouraged to bring their pets to work. Besides Ken and Deb's two giant, lovable Boz shepherds, Calvin and Clarabelle, the main office is also often host to a happy flock of dogs, cats, rabbits and birds.

Over the last seven years, the company has won awards for "Best Basement Waterproofing company" from Angie's List, *House & Home*, *Home Advisor Magazine*, the *Mercury Newspaper* and more. It currently holds an overall 4.6-star rating, based on over 200 reviews on Facebook, Google, Thumbtack and Angie's List. It also has over 9,000 likes and 6,200 followers on Facebook while competitors average under 500.

This award-winning service combined with extreme customer loyalty is the major driving force behind the company expanding while many are retreating. "Humble thanks to our amazing customers. We have been overwhelmed by so many referrals during the COVID crisis. Those referrals, plus Gov. Tom Wolf deeming us an essential business, have helped us expand into a second office to house our ever-growing staff," says Ken. "We are not only thrilled to help our customers solve their problems, but also happy to create new jobs for people in the area."

In March of 2020, Gov. Wolf determined that BWS is an essential business whose work is "necessary to help stop the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19." In addition to waterproofing, the company also removes mold and improves air quality. Its Ozone Generation technology is EPA-approved and can help eliminate not only mold and mildew, but also airborne pathogens in your home.

BWS' expansion is a bit historic, as well. Its new building, located at 109 River Road in Collegeville, was built in 1700, and was used as a hotel to help with the growing tourism to the area. The company plans to officially move into its fully renovated second home in April. This fourth-generation family business is eager to help your family enjoy a clean, dry, mold-free, safe basement. H&H

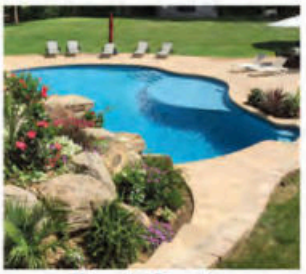


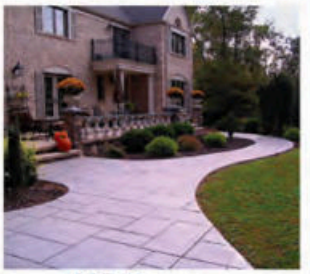
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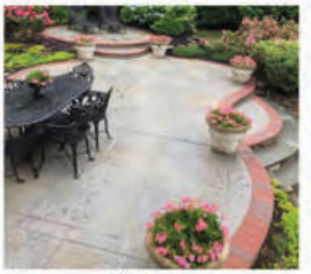
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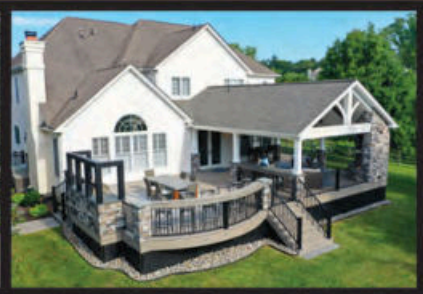
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LAWN AND PLANT MAINTENANCE

Typically, the largest and most important part of any property is the lawn. Having the greenest, most well-manicured yard on the block is a suburban family's dream, but most struggle to maintain their healthy, luscious grass when the weather gets cooler.

According to Rich Cording Sr., the owner of CLC Landscape Design, there are certain measures to take to ensure your lawn's health through the fall.

He says that thatching, core aerating, fertilizing, seeding and lining are the most important lawn care jobs to get done in the early months of fall. Of course, with the weather changing, the year-round needs of the grass itself begin to change, including watering and mowing your lawn.

"You should cut it right up to Thanksgiving," Cording says. "And you should still keep it watered so that it gets to at least an inch to an inch and a half per week. We are in a drought, so watering now is critical because the roots are going to try to grow

BY KATIE FRANCIS



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deep during September and October."

As for other plants, there's a fine line between a healthy haircut and completely destroying the greenery.

Cording and George Mihalchick, owner of Ponds by George, agree that cutting off dead growth is beneficial to plants at any time of the year.

"As things die back, prune them off," says Mihalchick. "Because then all the energy goes into the roots of the plants, perennials, bushes and trees."

But be warned: Too much pruning can be detrimental to your greenery.

"You want to prune dead growth off because dead growth on a plant can be harmful to the rest of the plant," Chris DeMato, owner of Rock Bottom Landscaping & Fencing, says. "But you don't want to do any significant pruning as this can weaken a plant and, going into the winter season, that's not such a good idea." According to DeMato, pruning stimulates new growth, which would juxtapose and delay the natural dormancy process that plants go through as the temperature gets colder.

DeMato also stressed the importance of maintaining a clean lawn, free of any fallen leaves, as they could easily kill the grass beneath them.

"It's very important throughout the fall season to keep the leaves off the lawn. People tend to wait until a lot of the leaves fall to clean them and that's a big mistake that can really do damage to your lawn. The weight of the leaves and then matting down on the lawn can kill the lawn," DeMato explains.

THE BENEFITS OF MULCHING

A common theme throughout all of the experts' advice is the importance of mulching, especially this time of year. Freshly mulched beds not only increase the aesthetic of an outdoor property but also provide insulation for the plants growing in them.

"Mulch your beds, clean out your beds," Cording says. "Mulch is important. Not only does it make the beds look nice and give you some curb appeal, but it also insulates the roots over the winter. It holds down winds, and it also holds in moisture."

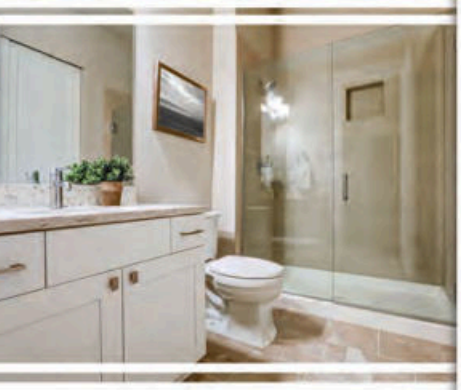
Cording also says that, because of the late-summer drought, plant roots are going to grow deeper through September and October, making mulching that much more important.

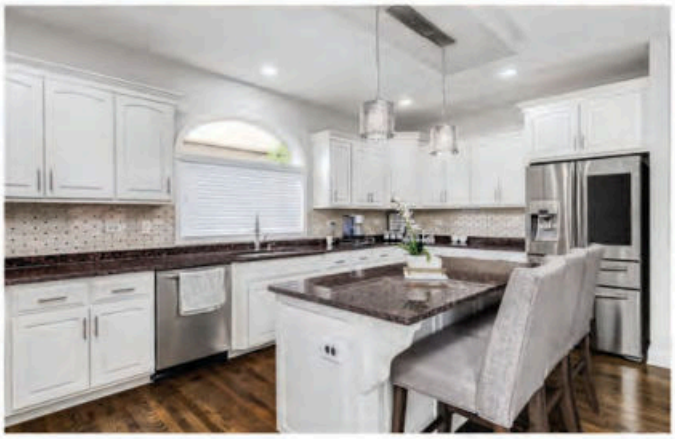


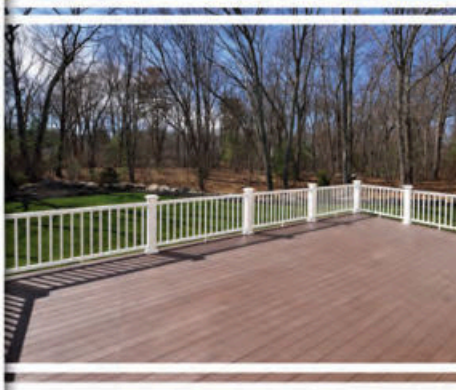
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"To me, it's like a no-brainer. Everybody should be mulching their beds before the winter."

WHAT TO PLANT

There are countless beautiful plants that thrive in the crisp months of fall, including perennials that change colors as the temperature shifts and annuals that bloom just in time for the fall festivities.

Mihalchick recommends both the burning bush and the itea shrub to use as foundation pieces for a colorful autumn oasis.

"The burning bush and itea will start turning a brilliant shade of fire-engine red," Mihalchick says. "They're bushes that will give you a big 'wow' factor. As everything else is starting to drop its leaves, those bushes turn red just before they drop and they're stunning."

He also recommends cabbage and kale, two common annuals that are staples to fall landscaping and gardening, and a variety of different ornamental grasses that provide different colors throughout the year.

DeMato says that chrysanthemums, more commonly known as mums, are another fall favorite that are perfect for adding color to multiple different areas of your outdoor scape.

"Most [mums] in the garden centers will have an assortment of colors. Most people put them out on their porches but you can certainly plant them for full color as well," DeMato says. He also recommends honeysuckle, which is mildly fragrant, attracts hummingbirds, and has red berries in the fall to provide a bright contrast against its green leaves.

And fortunately, there is no better time than autumn for planting.

Cording says that greenery planted in the fall has a higher success rate than anything planted in the spring because of their root growth.

"If you plant one now versus in early spring, it's going to send its roots now. And then the dormancy of winter is less of a shock than the heat of the summer, and they actually survive very well over the winter. But then as soon as the ground warms up in late February or early March, these plants are ready to grow," Cording explains. "They're going to exceed anything planted in the spring in terms of root growth.

"You get a lot of dew forming on the ground [in the fall], which makes it good for lawns, but what that does to a plant is it stimulates root growth. So just that weather cycle of cold nights and warm days, it's telling the plant 'OK, winter's coming. Here, let me grow some roots down deeper.' So the lawn and the shrubs tend to grow their roots more in the fall in preparation for winter."

Regardless of how you decide to decorate your outdoor space for autumn, whether it be ornamental grasses, traditional mums or both, yard maintenance in the fall is just as important, if not more so, than any other time of year. H&H

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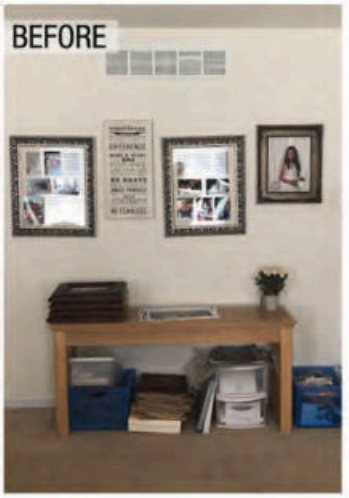


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"For us in the remodeling industry—those of us in design, as well as tradesmen and craftsmen—we are artists," says Gehman, the president and co-founder of Gehman Design Remodeling in Harleysville. "Remodeling is the medium with which we express it."

One need look no further than the images from the home of a Main Line couple that Gehman and his team fully renovated. He says the renovation required the gutting of "everything down to the subfloor, rafters and studs."

"The only thing that remained was a fireplace," he adds. "The clients liked it, so we then used that in designing the rest of the renovations and décor."

The fireplace—the feature the clients loved most about their existing space—served as the inspiration for the stucco finishes throughout the rest of the home's interior.

"The clients had bought the property about five years prior to reaching out," Gehman shares. "They had worked with other contractors and had a new roof and windows installed, keeping the wood siding. Also, because the house is on the side of a hill, there were some erosion issues that needed to be addressed."

Though the couple loved the location, they wanted a skilled professional to help them achieve a fresh look for the home's interior. The clients' remodeling wishes were so extensive that they actually moved out of the house during the process, giving the Gehman Design Remodeling team free rein to craft the home according to the couple's wishes.

"The way we can serve people best is to ask a lot of questions," Gehman says. "Many times, people have a lot of ideas and don't know how to express or verbalize those. They can be hesitant because they feel they have to speak construction or design lingo. By listening, we can provide feedback."

The Main Line couple's remodel took seven months to complete. While the remodel was substantial, the couple had done their research, checked references, and believed Gehman Design Remodeling could handle the scope of their project in a fashion timelier than competitors. Utilizing advanced 3D computer-aided design software, Gehman Design Remodeling was able to show the clients multiple options for spaces in a three-dimensional format.

One particular point of interest: Gehman's team removed a central load-bearing wall in the home, replacing it with an exposed stained-wood support beam to achieve a more open floor plan. The project underscores the fact that Gehman and his team never shy away from a good challenge.

"Sometimes something is a design challenge, sometimes something is a structural challenge, and sometimes it's both," he says. "All I know is that I had to get a beam in this home so it would work structurally and aesthetically look nice.

"We offer a 10-year warranty on our structures, and in 32 years of business, we've never been called on a structural warranty," he continues. "I jokingly say there are two ways to hold up pants—a belt or suspenders. We want both when we're making structural changes."

In the kitchen, a custom island offers sink space as well as seating for four at a raised-glass countertop. The open floor plan also features dining and living areas, as well as the beloved fireplace. Sustainable and durable bamboo floors run throughout the home, with the exception of tile floors in the bathrooms.

"Bamboo is more than twice as hard as oak or ash hardwood flooring," Gehman shares. "It has its own specific look. It's not a bold grain look, but because of the process used to make bamboo flooring—bamboo is put in a big pressure cooker and cooked until it's pulpy—it doesn't need to be stained or painted, just a clear coat. The company we use coined the term 'fossilized' for it."

In addition to these remarkable spaces, the home features a two-car garage, a laundry room and a home gym with a flat-screen TV.

In its entirety, the home remodel is a testament to Gehman's commitment to "doing it right." Although the right way might take longer, he believes it's the only way.

"I use the analogy of a pebble in a shoe," he explains. "Some clients worry that if they don't like something and say something, the project will take longer. But, like a pebble in a shoe, each time you notice it, it'll hurt more until you stop and get it out of there. That's not how I want people to remember us. Rather than having sore spots later, I want the clients to be happy now." **H&H**

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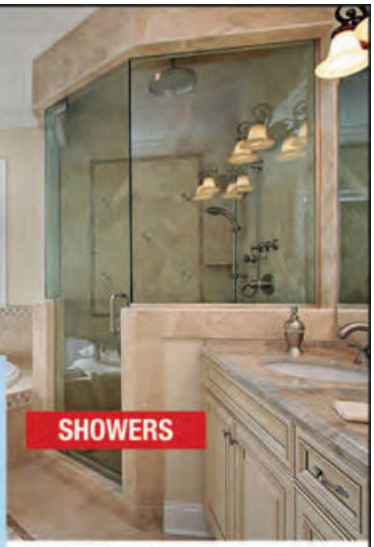
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Take the necessary steps to make sure your home is properly protected against the season's harsh climate.

BY PETER PROKO



After another enjoyable summer, it's definitely hard to say goodbye to those sunshine-filled days and the favorable weather conditions that kept us enjoying the outdoors well past dusk. But as we trade in our swimsuits for sweaters and gear up for fall, it won't be long before we're bundling up even further and welcoming back Old Man Winter.

As the temperatures plummet and the days become drearier, homeowners will undoubtedly be spending more time indoors. But before you can enjoy all the comforts that your home brings, you would be wise to make sure your house is primed and ready for the long winter ahead. Winterizing your home—whether making energy-efficient changes to the exterior or necessary upgrades to the interior—can go a long way to saving you money, time and aggravation. And let's face it, dealing with a major home repair project in the dead of winter is not exactly ideal.

Adam Parnes of Global Home Improvement acknowledges the importance of staying on top of a winter checklist and says that homeowners who don't regularly do so are tempting fate. "I think anyone who is winterizing their home is already ahead of the ballgame," he says. "Upgrading insulation, re-caulking windows and cleaning gutters are some of the easier solutions to a safe home this winter."

The fall is the ideal time to winterize your home in an effort to address any issues before the harsh cold weather settles in, according to Andrew Ziegler of Matute Roofing Inc. "This allows for cleaning of gutters, making sure there are no loose shingles [on the roof] and checking that all the home's ridge shingles are securely in place," he says.



WINTERIZING CHECKLIST

A guide on how to plan for the season

- Make sure your attic/crawlspace is properly insulated
- Install pipe insulation around any exposed copper or PVC water pipe
- Have your furnace, fireplace and chimney inspected and serviced
- Check windows and doors for any leaks, rot or poor sealing
- Have a licensed roofing contractor inspect your roof for loose, damaged or missing shingles
- Clean gutters of leaves and other debris and make sure they are properly connected
- Inspect your grounds for troubled tree limbs that could snap and cause damage or harm
- Repair loose patio stones and pavers
- Drain and store garden hoses indoors and drain outdoor spigots







"It's also very important to inspect all metal flashings between the roof and home siding, and between the roof and chimney, to ensure that you have winter snow, ice and water protection at these critical joints on your roof," Ziegler adds.

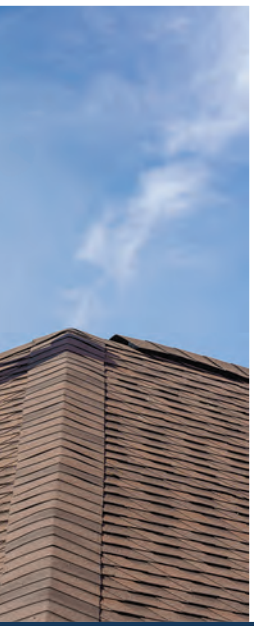
Elsewhere in the home, checking to see if the HVAC system is in need of a tune-up is recommended by industry professionals. Having it serviced annually to ensure things are running smoothly will help avoid rising energy bills due to suboptimal operation.

Another good place to start is in the attic. Poorly insulated attic space can be a major source of energy loss. In fact, estimates by the Department of Energy say that a properly insulated attic can cut your heating bill anywhere from 10 to 50%.

While a poorly insulated attic, or wall space for that matter, can be a large factor in energy loss, additional common contributors are windows and doors that are not properly sealed. Parnes says upgrades to old windows and doors are by far the most popular winter home improvement project and can make an almost immediate impact.

"Not only do older windows and doors not have updated thermal efficiency, but many of them have air leaks, which are just inviting the cold air directly into your home," he says.

What's more, homeowners will want to inspect their window frames to see that they are intact and not beginning to rot.



"Rotted wood window frames, or windows missing pieces of the frame will expose the homeowner to the risk of interior water damage, which can be costly to repair," says Ziegler. "It's best to replace windows to proactively protect inside the home's wall cavities and the surrounding sheetrock. Leaking window frames can lead to the growth of dangerous black mold that can make your family sick."

Another trouble spot for leaks is perhaps your greatest protection from the outdoor elements: the roof. Jane Alfaro of Alfaro Enterprises says an annual inspection of the roof by a professional will help identify any concerns and hopefully allow you to get well in front of any major problems.

"Your roof needs to be in good condition. No missing shingles, no leaks, etc. If you see dry rot or corrosion present or the underlayment plywood is corroded, it is time to replace your roof," she says.

Having to potentially replace your roof or windows can be a large expense and so some home-



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owners may try and get through one more season before they decide to pull the trigger. But all it takes is one major winter storm and the problem could balloon into a much larger issue.

"The most important thing to consider is what could happen if you don't replace it," says Parnes. "A leaky roof will cost you way more money in damage then the money you save by trying to wait one more year."

Barbara Carranza of Carranza Roofing and Remodeling says age should be the key factor when weighing repairing or replacing one's roofing, siding or windows. "It is easy to nickel and dime repairs, but in the long run it is less costly to replace them. Putting off repairs leads to long-term and more costly problems," she says.

Ziegler echoes that sentiment, especially if the roof is approaching the end of its life.

"Roof and window repairs do not come with substantial warranties," he says. "Typically, when a roof is 20-25 years old, the shingles have begun to curl and the adhesion of the shingles to one another becomes compromised."

This could lead to the shingles allowing water to penetrate or perk down into the plywood decking, causing deck rot. "The risk to the homeowner of not proactively replacing the roof now is that there will be greater expense later for the replacement of rotted plywood decking," Ziegler says.

While having someone inspect your roof, it's also a good idea to check your gutters. "Gutters should be cleaned out and secured twice a year, prior to the change in weather. Ideally in the spring and the fall," says Alfaro.

Once gutters become clogged by leaves and debris, water does not flow through the downspouts. Thus, the water will back up under the shingles and behind the fascia boards.

"These leaks will cause interior damage as well as rot the fascia boards, causing extensive damage and costly repairs," Carranza says.

But, while this is a critical step in protecting your home, Carranza warns homeowners should not attempt to take matters into their own hands.

"It is very important for a homeowner not to climb a large ladder and attempt to clean their







gutters. Professionals have the experience and knowledge on climbing ladders and roofs. Inexperienced homeowners can easily fall from the ladder or the roof and be seriously injured or even cause death," she says.

No matter what type of services you may require, it's clear that now is the time to start thinking about the necessary upgrades that will help get your home ready for winter. By being proactive, you'll save money and avoid the hassles and headaches so you can enjoy your home the way it was meant to be. H&H

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