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2011 Tax Credits

Spring Update
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Spring is the time of year we love to hate. As winter loses its grip, the weather warms, snow melts, birds sing, flowers bloom and the IRS knocks on our door for taxes.

While you enjoy the change of season and prepare your taxes, keep in mind any remodeling you may want to complete in 2011. As with 2010, the IRS provides reasonable tax credits for home improvements. While these tax credits are not as generous as in 2010, they are still worth review before purchasing materials or signing a contract.

Here is a brief list of the most popular remodeling projects and the IRS tax credits:

Windows and Doors = 10% of the cost with a maximum of \$500.00 (windows maximum of \$200.00).

Insulation = 10% of the cost with a maximum of \$500.00.

Furnace = \$150.00

AC = \$300.00

Boiler = \$150

Roof = 10% of the cost with a maximum of \$500.00.

With any of these, to qualify, you must install energy star compliant products. For example, if you are installing new windows, they must be energy star qualified to be eligible for the tax credit.

For more information on these tax credits, visit:

<http://www.energystar.gov>

With our clients, remodeling is primarily done to enhance their home, therefore we recommend energy star compliant products.

Spring Checklist

Spring is the best time to get out and review the condition of your home. Winter can be tough on the roof, gutters, siding, window and door trim.

Take a few minutes on a sunny day to walk around your home. I like to start at the top and work my way down. With this in mind, start to review the roof, chimney, and gutters. Binoculars are a great tool to

use as you can stay safely on the ground. Look for damaged shingles, broken bricks on the chimney, damaged or missing gutters and downspouts.

Next, start reviewing the siding, windows and exterior doors. Again, look for any damage, broken seals on windows, torn weather-stripping on doors. Remember to review the garage door and sensors.

Last but not least, review walkways for any trip hazards that may have developed during the winter months. Also look at the shrubs and plants around the home. Rabbits and other animals can cause significant damage to these plants

For more information, please give me a call at 734-646-8626 or send an e-mail to: steve@bpsinc-remodel.com

Upcoming Classes at WCC

As many of you know, I am a part-time instructor at Washtenaw Community College (WCC) in the Continuing Education Department. These classes are designed for the homeowner wanting to learn more about a project in order to complete it on their own. They are basic level classes and therefore are non-credit.

The current term is well under way, however there are still great classes available for you to enjoy. The next class is scheduled for Thursday April 7th - it is a DIY class on Bathroom Remodeling.

The next class is the popular Home Improvement and Maintenance and is scheduled for April 21st and 28th.

This is a two night class where you will learn the nuts and bolts of home maintenance. We review which tools to use for each task, how to assess a problem and determine if you have the skills to correct it, or if you need to interview contractors to complete the work. Other topics include seasonal checklists, safety issues, basic caulking techniques, plumbing, electrical, and exterior maintenance.

In May, we again offer the plumbing class scheduled for May 19th. In June, we offer an electrical class scheduled for June 2nd. These classes are DIY oriented and are very popular for people who want to understand how to make repairs to these systems on their own.

To register for class, go to <http://www.wccnet.edu/life/learning>

If you have any questions on these classes, please let me know.

Ready to Help

With spring comes new excitement and enthusiasm for the year. As you review your budget and desired projects, we hope you will consider our services.

We are ready to help you, your friends, or your family with any home remodeling or repair needs. From kitchen and bathrooms, to windows and insulation, to additions, and solar systems, we are ready to help.

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