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MBA Spring Tour Showcases Model Homes, Condominiums, Remodeling Projects and Build-Ready Lots

The 2017 Metropolitan Builders Association (MBA) Spring Tour, presented by Pella Windows and Doors of Wisconsin, will run three consecutive weekends this spring: April 22 - May 7, with projects open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. This FREE regional-site tour will feature 42 model homes and two condominiums, nine lots ready for future construction, and one remodel project.

The MBA Spring Tour kicks off the building season, and connects consumers with the area's leading residential building contractors. The three-weekend event draws thousands of visitors from all over Wisconsin. As the only extended open house of its type in the state, the Spring Tour offers a unique opportunity to view a variety of projects and help consumers begin planning for the home of their dreams.

"The MBA Spring Tour opens the doors to more than 50 project sites, in southeastern Wisconsin, that people



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can tour over the three weekend event," said Kristine Hillmer, executive director of the MBA. "It inspires those on the fence about building or remodeling, and helps them find the right people for their project."

Collectively, the MBA Spring Tour sites will showcase a wide array of home building trends, including the latest concepts in floor plans, energy efficient products, fixtures and

appliances, structured wiring, home automation, security systems, and interior design.

Each MBA Spring Tour site will participate in the annual MBA People's Choice Sweepstakes. Participating consumers will have the opportunity to submit a ballot at each tour site they visit for a chance to win a \$200 gift certificate from E-Z Window Cleaning and a \$250 VISA gift card.

Visit each site for more than 50 chances to win. One winner will be chosen at random from all entries submitted. One entry per person, per site allowed.

**A complete list of projects
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Breaking Down Window Buying

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Selecting the right windows for your home whether you're remodeling, replacing or building, is an important task. With a growing number of aesthetic options, it is also important to weigh functionality and efficiency when researching the right windows for your home and budget.

Let's start with the different material types.

• **Vinyl:** Typically a more cost effective option, vinyl windows are a smart option when it comes to energy

efficiency. And, because they don't need painting, staining or refinishing, they are easy to care for.

• **Wood:** With a variety of wood types available, wood windows offers the customization and design options some homeowners prefer. Grill patterns, exterior colors and even between-the-glass blinds make wood windows highly desirable.

• **Fiberglass:** Fiberglass is one of the most durable materials available, providing exceptional energy efficiency and excellent performance. As for aesthetics, fiberglass windows can replicate the look and feel of wood.

Once a material has been selected, homeowners must decide on window styles. These styles can be mixed and matched throughout your home based on the light, ventilation and look you are trying to achieve.

• **Casement:** Crank out with the turn of a handle and provides a clear view to the outdoors.

• **Awning:** Similar to casement windows, they are open with a crank out



handle and are often placed above or below other windows to add interest and ventilation Single-Hung: Can be raised from the bottom for ventilation.

• **Double-Hung:** Can be raised from the bottom or lowered from the top for two levels of ventilation.

• **Sliding:** Opens horizontally from one side.

• **Bay or Bow:** A series of windows designed at various angles to maximize the view even when there's limited wall space.

glass window treatments and trim designs. The possibilities are truly endless when it comes to dreaming up the perfect windows for your home.

To really experience the quality and design features firsthand, visiting a showroom is crucial. Aside from being able to see and feel the actual windows, professionals are on site to walk you through the process of selecting the very best window for your needs and budget. These sales professionals are also well equipped to answer questions about the planning and installation of your window project. Access to a team of experts with years of experience will make the selection and buying process seamless and enjoyable.

Lastly, understanding warranties and service options is important when selecting a window company to work with. Having local, continued support following installation provides reassurance you will always be satisfied with your windows for years to come.

Establishing a budget and making material and style decisions, will often steer a homeowner in the direction of a certain line or series of windows that will have both interior and exterior colors to select from along with addition features. Whether you're looking for a dramatic, traditional or modern look, colors and finishes can really establish a unique look for your home.

To further customize your window project, homeowners can choose from an array of hardware styles, screen options, grill patterns, between-the-

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SPRING MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

Just as spring is a good time for cleaning, it is also a good time for homeowners to do their spring maintenance on their homes. Doing simple preventative maintenance to your house will help the materials used to build it last longer and avoid expensive repair bills later.

OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE

- Make sure your gutters and downspouts are clear of debris that may block the flow of water from your house.
- Ensure that landscaping around the foundation starts at 8 inches down from the top of your foundation wall and slopes away from the home.
- Properly grade the area under your downspouts and around your house so that rainwater flows away from the foundation.
- Caulking around windows, doors, chimney, foundation and other common leakage points if needed.
- Inspect for water leaks by checking overhangs, awnings and exposed siding where snow and water might collect, causing materials to decay.
- Clean and refinish if needed your wood deck if needed and nail any raised boards; hammer in any popped nails.
- Inspect the paint to see if there are any cracks and/or exposed wood. If you find some scrape it, apply primer and more paint.
- Inspect the shingles and flashing on the roof.
- Open hose bibs.

INSIDE MAINTENANCE

- Inspect, repair and clean the screen doors and windows.
- Check to see if your air filter needs to be changed on your air conditioner.
- Clean air conditioning coils, drain pans.
- Clean dehumidifier coils, check operation.
- Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Clean the inside of the exhaust hose that runs from the back of your dryer and vents to the outside.
- Check the weather stripping on all windows.
- Test that your sump pump is working properly.
- Remove, clean, and store storm windows. Put screens up.
- Make sure your refrigerator door seals tightly. If your refrigerator has coils vacuum the coils.



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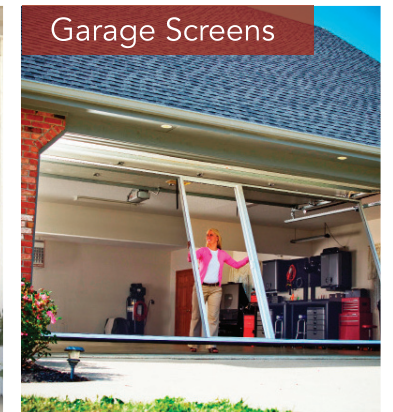
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Economic Impact of New Homes

Did you know that new homes benefit more than just buyers and builders? The positive impact of new residential construction is far-reaching, bringing benefits to families, businesses and services throughout a community immediately, as well as for years to come.

According to economists at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the one-year estimated local impacts of building 100 single-family homes in a typical metro area include \$21.1 million in local income, \$2.2 million in taxes and other local government revenue, and 324 local jobs.

But what does that economic impact mean in the real, day-to-day lives of community residents?

When a family moves to a community and buys a new house, they will likely shop at local stores to buy furniture and accessories to decorate the

home. They will fill their car's gas tank at local gas stations so they can get to the stores, have local mechanics work on the car when it breaks down or needs the oil changed, or buy a new car at a local dealer when it's time to replace the old one.

The family may need to hire local companies for regular services to maintain their home, such as landscaping, house cleaning, pet sitters or pool upkeep.

The children will enroll in local schools. This increases enrollment, meaning more teachers, janitors, cafeteria workers and other school support staff will need to be hired. Those kids will also join sports leagues and other activities, buy equipment and pay registration fees that provide stipends for referees and coaches.

All of this economic activity puts income into the pockets of local busi-

ness owners and their families, who can then afford to go out and spend money themselves, which recycles even more money into the community's economy.

The new family also pays local and state taxes. These tax revenues help pay for a wide range of government services, including school teachers, police departments, refuse collection, parks maintenance and road repairs.

Over the long term, as the families who move into new homes become part of the community, their positive impact continues. NAHB estimates that those 100 new homes also provide the community with additional, annually-recurring impacts of \$3.1 million in local income, \$743,000 in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and 53 local jobs.

Families who buy a newly built home enjoy benefits including safety, ameni-

ties, energy efficiency and floor plans to fit a modern lifestyle. But the advantages of new homes extend far beyond the buyers and the builders—residential construction has a positive, direct impact on the local community for years.

To learn more about the home-buying process or to find new homes for sale in the metro Milwaukee area, go to MBAonline.org.



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The MBA speaks with a single voice representing the interests of its members in the home building industry; we offer services that benefit the members' professionalism and their ability to provide the highest quality service to their clients. The MBA is the credible source about the home building industry for the members, government, media, and the policy makers.



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When Spring Cleaning Doesn't Work, Try Storage



By the Insiders Team at Nonn's

You've done it! You've finally done the spring cleaning you promised yourself, so why doesn't your home look any more organized? The problem may not be your cleaning skills - it may be that you don't have the systems in place to adequately house and hide your things. Whether you're looking to organize your extra dishes and existing appliances, or trying to hide off-season shoes in your foyer, adding storage to any room can offer a fashionable, functional opportunity to keep your home decluttered throughout the year.

Installing open-face cabinets and shelving to your existing kitchen organization can add to your kitchen's storage and style. Displaying your lesser-



used dishes here will add texture and color to your kitchen, while allowing you to store more small appliances in your closed-face cabinets. This quick-fix will minimize clutter and maximize storage by both accessorizing your kitchen and freeing your counters from blender cords and cutting boards.

But organization solutions in the kitchen aren't limited to your cabinets. Without space to organize, you may be filling your refrigerator and freezer with more fruits and vegetables than you'll be able (or want) to eat. This not only leads to food waste, but it also causes your refrigerator to work harder, costing more

in electricity bills. Many new appliances can prevent this by offering specially cooled storage compartments and shelving units that allow you to better organize your food. Being able to see what groceries you have will help you cut down on wasted food and money.

Pro-tip: Every home's size and needs are different. As you begin to think about your next appliances, read online reviews and select a few models you may be interested in before visiting a showroom. This research will give you a better idea of available features and guide your buying process.

Now that your kitchen is on its way to becoming well-organized, what other solutions are there around the house? One of the sneakiest ways to add storage is to

disguise cabinets as seating. From foyer benches to living room window seats, these solutions offer a quick place to toss items if guests are on the way, and an additional place for them to sit when they arrive.

Pro-tip: Sometimes storage solutions, such as adding a medicine cabinet to your bathroom, are easy to see. Other times, organization opportunities are so discreet that it may take a designer's eye to spot the potential. Consult with a professional or tap into trusted design blogs to reveal the possibilities in your home!

Sometimes, all you need is a few more places to hide and house your things. Finding organization and storage solutions for your home will allow you to declutter, and see the fruits of your spring cleaning labor all year long!



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The 2017 Parade of Homes features 22 homes in three subdivisions by 18 MBA Builder Members

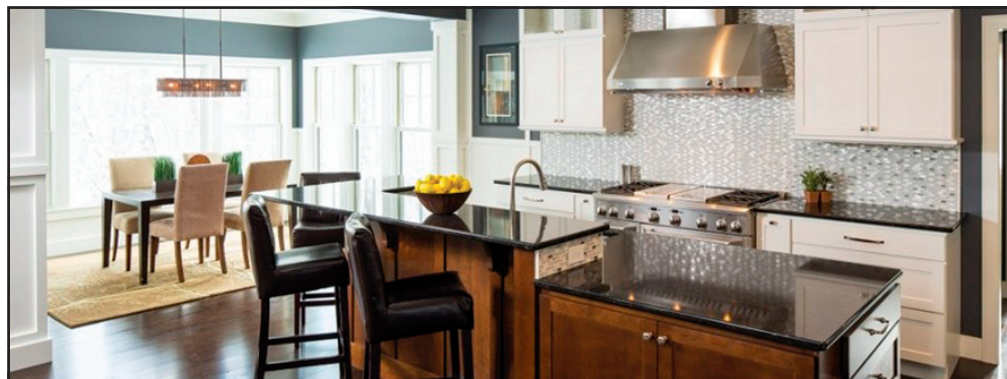
The Metropolitan Builders Association (MBA) is proud to announce that the 2017 MBA Parade of Homes will be held in three subdivisions: Highlander Estates in Mequon, Four Wind's West in Hartland, and Fox Meadow in Menomonee Falls.

The Parade will run Saturday, August 12 through Monday, September 4.

"The 2017 Parade of Homes will feature gorgeous brand new, never-been-seen homes with the latest in interior and exterior design, decorating trends, new and sustainable building techniques, and cutting-edge technologies," said Kristine Hillmer, MBA Executive Director.

More than 30,000 visitors are expected to tour the homes over the course of the three-week event. Visitors interested in building or buying a new home, remodeling, or gathering ideas for home improvement projects will have the opportunity to interact with the area's top experts in the field.

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Nonn's is the presenting sponsor of the 2017 MBA Parade of Homes. The Parade is a nationally recognized event that started locally in the 1940s and features the premier subdivisions and model homes of our region. This event serves as part of the Metropolitan Builders Association's public identity and is a showcase of the best they have to offer.

Tickets for the 2017 MBA Parade of Homes allow entry into each subdivision once. They will be available at Parade entrances, online, and at several advance ticket locations. More information about the 2017 MBA Parade of Homes can be found at MBAparadeofhomes.com.

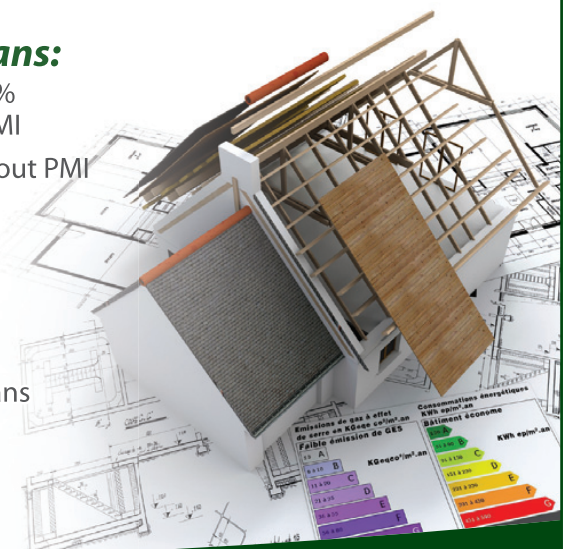
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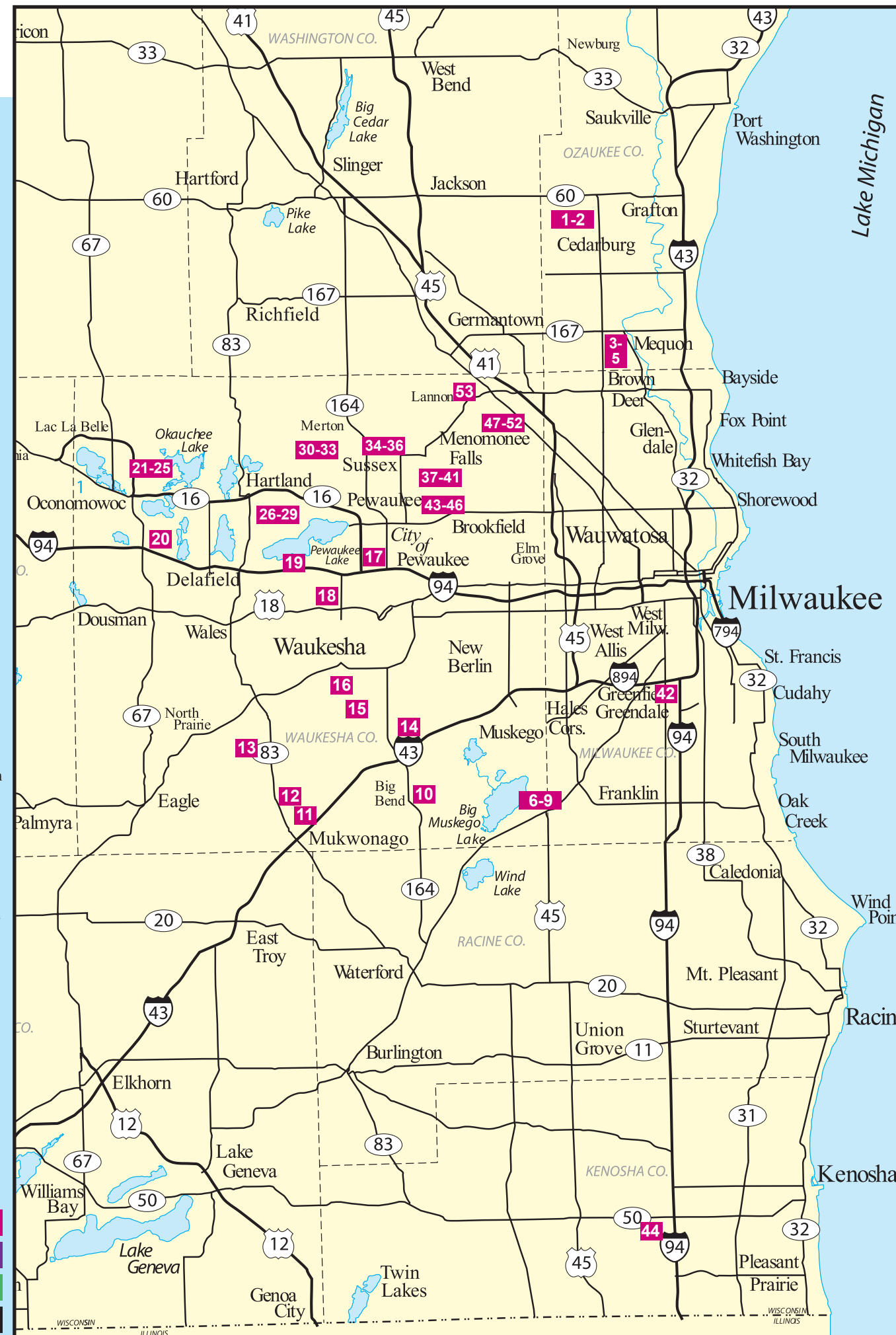


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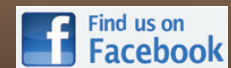
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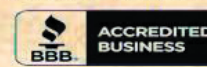
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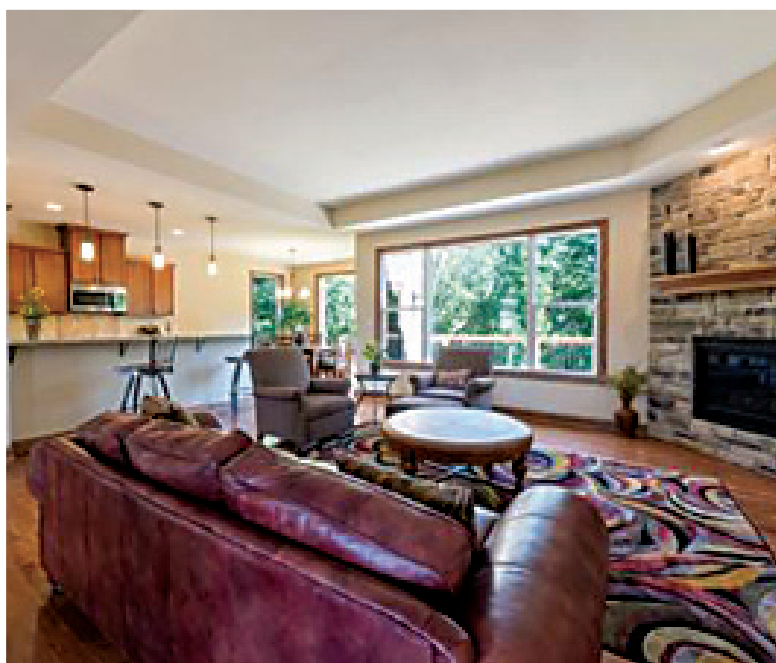


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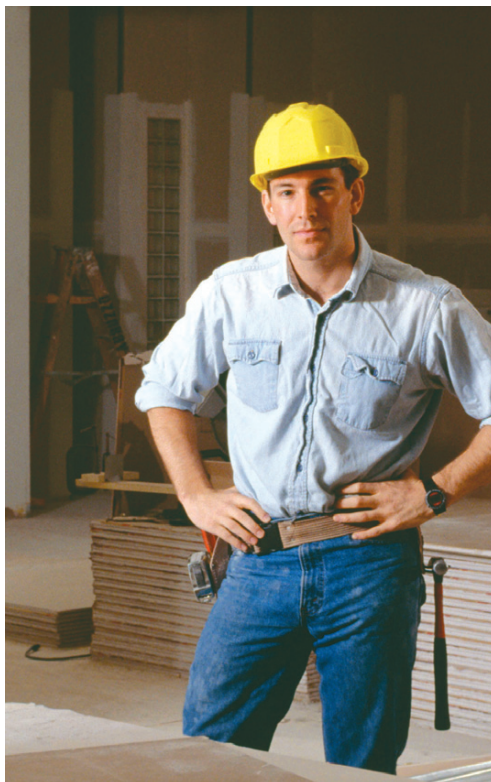
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Checklist to Find and Hire a Builder or Remodeler

Doing your homework will help you have a more successful experience.

Use this checklist to help you select a home builder or home remodeler to work on or build your home:

- Contact the Metropolitan Builders Association for the names of member builders and remodelers, or visit MBAonline.org. You can also ask family, friends or coworkers for recommendations, but always make sure they are a member of the Metropolitan Builders Association.
- Make sure the builder or home remodeler has a permanent business location and a good reputation with local banks and suppliers.
- Find out how long they have been in the building business. It usually takes three to five years to establish a financially sound business. You want to make sure they will be around after the construction is complete to service any warranties.
- Check out the company's rating and if there have been any complaints filed with your local Better Business Bureau: www.bbb.org.
- Make sure the builder/remodeler has sufficient workers compensation and general liability insurance. If not, you may be liable for any construction-related accidents on your premises.
- Ask the builder/remodeler to provide you with names of previous customers. If they won't, beware. If they do, ask the customers if they would hire the builder/remodeler again.
- Ask if you can see the builder/remodelers work, both completed and in progress. Check for quality of workmanship and materials.
- Do you feel you can easily communicate with the builder/remodeler? Remember you will be in close contact with them throughout the construction process and afterward as you live in your new home.



- Make sure the builder/remodeler provides you with a complete and clearly written contract. The contract will benefit both of you. If you are having a new home built, get and review a copy of the home warranty and homeowner manual as well.
- Be cautious of unusually low-priced bids. If the builder/remodeler is unable to pay for the materials and labor as the project proceeds, this may indicate a potential problem. Keep in mind that less expensive does not necessarily mean better!

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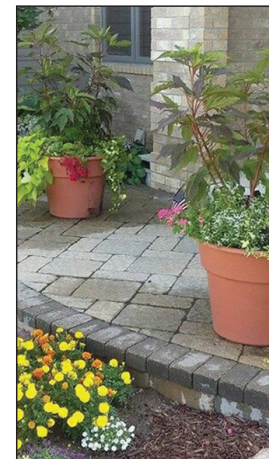
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