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will feature 50 new homes and one condominium built by MBA members. The projects can be found in a variety of communities and are scattered throughout Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties.

The three-weekend event is expected to draw thousands of visitors from all over Wisconsin who are thinking about building or remodeling. The Spring Tour is the only extended open house of its type in Wisconsin and kicks off the home building season and connects consumers with the area's leading residential building contractors.

"This year's MBA Spring Tour opens the doors to more than 50 homes in four counties - offering customers a variety of homes and locations across southeastern Wisconsin to view during the three weekend Tour," said Jim Doering, MBA President. "People have the chance to talk directly with builders and developers, and find the right builder for their new home."

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.

Visitors will find every style on the 2019 tour. Some homes will be profes-



This model from Korndorfer Homes will be one of the homes featured on the Spring Tour.

sionally decorated and meticulously landscaped, while others will showcase only the builder's attention to detail leaving you to imagine how you could personalize your own place.

In addition to the already amazing lineup will be a handful of past Parade of Homes models including Parade sites in Fox Meadow in Menomonee

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Top Home Design Trends for 2019

At the beginning of each year, the Best in American Living Awards (BALA) recognizes dozens of new projects from this past year that showcased the best in home and community design, interior design and remodeling.

Whether you're looking for inspiration for your next home renovation or you're ready to start browsing for a new home, here are a few of the top design trends you'll see in 2019.

Black window frames. Do you prefer a sleek and distinctive look for your home? Black window frames are the answer. The bold color choice has a modern appeal and frames are available in every price point.

The ceiling as the fifth wall of design. Ceilings will not be ignored this year. Statement ceilings transform rooms into bigger and brighter living spaces. Creative textures, colors and lighting can bring this seemingly blank canvas to life.

Creative integration of outdoor spaces. Small outdoor spots no longer limit design capabilities. Cozy and appealing outdoor living areas can be integrated into homes in even the narrowest lots. You'll see expert design, carefully selected features and furniture create exciting indoor-outdoor spaces.

Delineation of spaces through mixed materials. Designers are shaking things up in 2019 with a variety of textured elements to elevate the style of a home. Homes will have better defined spaces, both outdoor and in, with mixed materials like stone or brick.

Indoor/outdoor connections. Easy physical and visual connections with outdoor spaces is enticing and generates an abundance of natural light

and ventilation. The seamless flow of indoor and outdoor space is a trend gaining momentum each year.

Mid-century modern and modern farmhouse. Bringing out a home's original character is a style that is sweeping the nation. Mid-century modern homes have a warm and inviting living space with large windows and open design concepts. The popular modern farmhouse incorporates natural wood beams, large sinks and barn doors.

Multigenerational living. Overall, this trend is about creating a home to accommodate multiple generations living under one roof. Floor plans and design elements allow for all household members to gather comfortably in living spaces. You'll notice suites and transition spaces capable of quickly transforming into bedrooms.

Stairs as a focal piece. Known more for utility in a home rather than design, stairs are taking a life of their own. Homes this year will have stairs with fine detailing, unique materials and one-of-a-kind designs. Stairs and rails are available in an array of styles and are suitable for any budget.

For more information about the latest designs to enhance your home or to find a builder in your area to create the new home of your dreams, visit MBAonline.org.

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Landscaping Tips: Choose The Right Tree

The trees you choose to landscape your home not only add beauty, they can help cut energy costs by providing shade in the summer and buffering cold winds in the winter. Trees clean the air, reduce noise, create privacy and can increase a property's value by improving the appearance.

It is important to consider a number of factors when choosing the right trees for your particular environment and the best locations to plant trees in your yard.

Environmental factors to consider:

- **Temperature.** Low temperatures, especially if they occur suddenly, can freeze and kill the living cells in certain types of trees. Factors that influence temperature such as elevation and which side of a hill the tree will be planted on also need to be considered.
- **Moisture.** Do you live in a dry or wet climate? Does your yard periodically flood, or is it continually

exposed to the drying effect of wind? Watering can be modified on a dry site, but it is still important to know the optimal soil moisture requirements for your species.

- **Shade.** Some species, like white birch and most pines, require full sunlight. Other species, like most maples, hemlocks and yews, grow well in shade.
- **Insects and disease.** Every locality has its problems with particular insects or diseases. Although it is possible to buy varieties that have been bred for resistance to a disease, it is asking for trouble planting a species which is prone to local pests because it places the tree under stress.
- **Soil.** Soil depth, structure and pH, in addition to moisture, can make the difference between success or failure. For example, deep-rooted species will need adequate soil depth for their structural roots, whereas shallow-rooted species may be fine on sites with

just a thin layer of soil over bedrock or hard clay.

- **Pollution.** The accumulative effects of pollution can impact your trees. For example, some species are more sensitive to pollutants such as salt spray from the ocean or street de-icing.

After choosing a species that will grow well in your environment, your next consideration is where the tree should be planted in your yard, depending on whether your goal is shade, protection, or purely for cosmetic purposes.

Trees planted to provide shade provide a greater cooling effect than man-made structures because they not only block the rays of the sun, they add water to the air through transpiration. Position the tree where you want the shadow during the hottest time of the day and year.

When planting trees as windbreaks and screens, low-branching conifers that hold their foliage are most

effective for screening unsightly areas and providing privacy. Noise is best reduced by tall, densely planted trees with fleshy, broad leaves. Combining these two types can provide noise reduction as well as filter dust from adjacent street traffic year-round.

To improve your property's appearance, one good principle is to never locate a tree where it will split your lot or a view into equal halves. To give the lot an appearance of greater depth, plant on a diagonal line outward from the front corners of the house. Trees planted behind the house and to the side will provide background. Trees with color or some other showy feature can be used as accent points. Small, narrow-crowned species will define boundaries without invading your neighbor's space.

If you are unsure of what trees to choose to suit your goals, contact an MBA landscape expert. Visit FindAnMBAmember.com for a list of landscapers in your area.



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Focusing On Your Lawn Now Enhances Curb Appeal

A well-maintained lawn enhances your home's curb appeal and helps sustain and strengthen overall home values throughout the neighborhood.

With the spring season in full swing, now is the perfect time to focus on your lawn. Preserving a lush and healthy lawn involves mowing, hydration, fertilization and overseeding.

MOWING

Know what type of grass variety makes up your lawn to select the appropriate height to mow. You can strengthen the roots of your grass by cutting off the top third. If you cut your lawn too short, your grass is susceptible to weed infestation. To keep your grass straight and strong, change direction each time you mow. Put the rake away. Grass clippings and leaves are full of nutrients and reduce your need for fertilizers.



HYDRATION

An inch of water per week, through rainfall or in combination with irrigation, will produce a verdant lawn. The amount of watering your lawn needs depends on seasonal changes, sun and shade. Plus, many states, municipalities and HOAs have specific rules regarding when and how much residents can water their lawns. The best time to water your lawn is in the early morning or early evening. Generally, there is less wind and heat during those times of the day. Water will penetrate the soil and generate less run-off.

FERTILIZATION


Fertilization encourages leaf growth, reduces weeds and protects the richness of the soil. The amount of nutrients from fertilizer needed depends on the type of grass you have. Apply fertilizer based on your grass variety to avoid damaging your lawn. Most fertilizing packages will provide details on how and when to apply the material. Any unused fertilizer is effective for one year if the material is stored in a sealed container located in a cool, dry place.

OVERSEEDING

Lawns with bare areas can benefit from overseeding. This technique adds grass seed to an existing lawn. New grass installation is recommended if more than half of your lawn is in poor condition. Before overseeding, determine the underlying cause of your yard damage such as weeds or insects to prevent further lawn destruction. The type of seed needed to improve the density of your lawn depends on the variety of grass in your yard.

Taking steps to energize your lawn will renew the look of your home. Following these lawn care ideas can make the grass greener on your side of the neighborhood.


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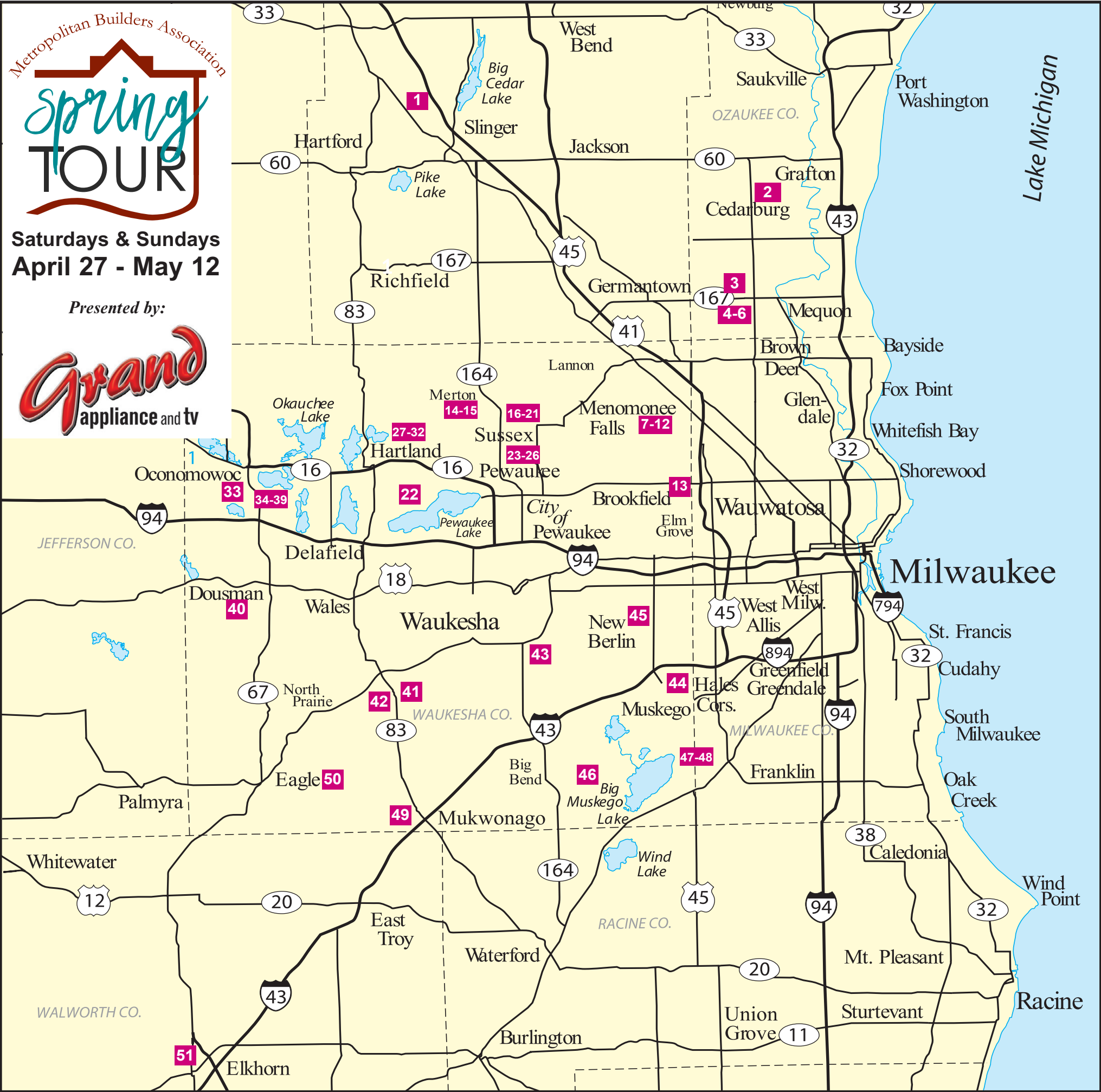
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SPRING MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

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.
- ☐ Caulk 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 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 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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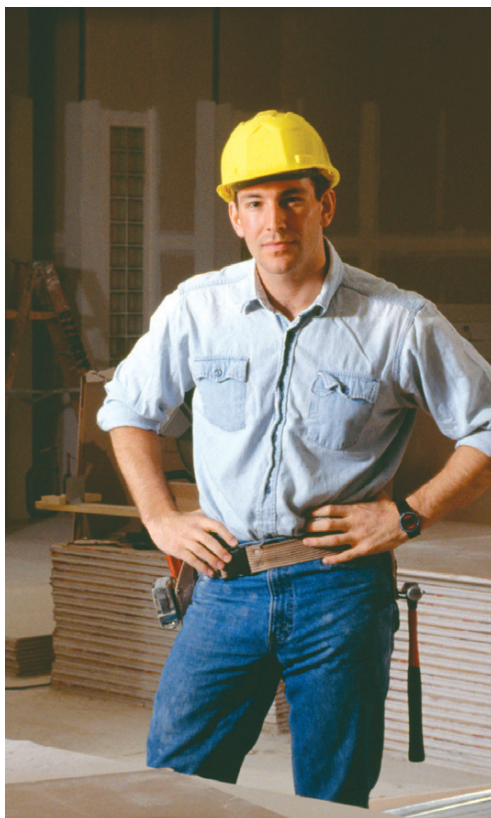
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Checklist for Finding and Hiring a Builder or Remodeler

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: MBAonline.org. You can also ask family, friends or coworkers for recommendations.
- ☐ 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 is licensed and 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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Same Home, New Feel



Whether it's thanking your possessions before you part ways, or re-organizing your drawers from the bottom-up, there's been a lot of trendy new ways to tidy up your home this spring. Applied properly, these ideas can not only keep your space clean, they can inject new life into it—and by 'applied properly', we mean applied *with style*! Tidying up with a *style-first* mindset can turn any old home into a brand-new space in a matter of days.

To start, follow the now-popular method of storing all your

drawer-dwelling possessions vertically—no more piles. It'll make all of your old dressers feel refreshingly new, and it allows you to see everything you own more clearly. But here's the trick: don't stop at your drawers. Take this tidy tip to the next, stylish level by using the vertical space outside of your dressers to your utmost advantage with chic floating shelves! Free up some space in your master bath by using these floating beauties to stack towels and other bathroom essentials. It'll save you precious counter and floor space, and give your bathroom a chic, minimalist makeover.

The next step in our spring refresh is to make sure all of the items in your home have a home. But, not just any home—a tidy, stylish one! Begin in your kitchen by gathering

everything that's sitting on your counters and separating it into categories. Whatever you don't use daily, find a home for it inside your cabinets and drawers. And if those cabinets and drawers are just unorganized vessels, give them a little order by using bamboo drawer dividers and other interior organizers! This will save you from those dreaded junk-drawer nightmares, and will make putting dishes away that much easier. Then, finish this kitchen revamp off with some flair by getting a few colorful bowls, jars, or trays to more stylishly contain what still remains atop your counters.

Our final tip doesn't come from any home-tidying TV shows or design books, but it's by-far our favorite way to make your home look clean, shiny and new: instead of



scrubbing, dusting, and vacuuming every inch of your home, focus your cleaning time on the things that shine! Think knobs, pulls, windows, fixtures, and anything else that should shimmer when you see it. Once the polishing is done, those shiny surfaces will spark some serious joy every time they catch your eye.

If buying a new home isn't in the cards just yet, making your current one feel like new is now something you can do with ease. For more easy-to-apply design tips, style inspiration, and even some exclusive product discounts, check out the Insiders List at nonns.com/get-insiders-list.

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