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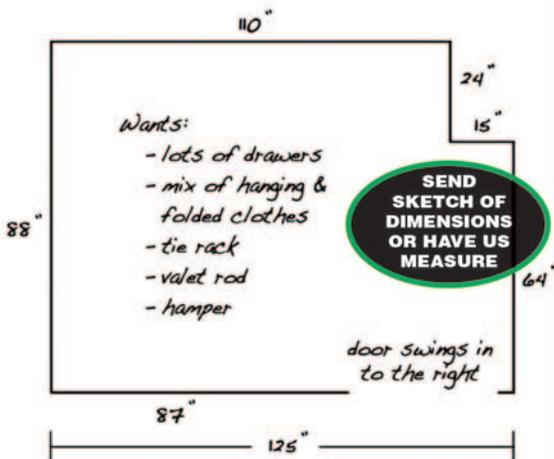
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Our goal at YOUR HOME REMODEL MAGAZINE has always been to provide home remodeling ideas and inspiration along with highlighting the local contractors and businesses that can help make your visions a reality inside and outside of your home.

In that vein, I'm wondering if you would like to share a favorite space, nook or unique feature in your own home? Perhaps a renovation or transformation of a room, or your own incredible home that you would like to see featured on the pages of YOUR HOME REMODEL MAGAZINE. I'd love to hear about it. Or did you have an exceptional experience with a local contractor, business or service provider? Send me your story. We are always looking for ideas and local stories to share with our readers in the Lehigh Valley and Northampton County.

For now, enjoy the following articles on Outdoor Living Trends, Captivating Bathrooms, and Adding A New Addition plus so much more in this issue of YOUR HOME REMODEL MAGAZINE. And if you are looking to get any remodeling, renovations or outdoor living furniture and accessories, please start with the businesses showcased in this issue of YOUR HOME REMODEL MAGAZINE.

I wish you a year of good health, peace and prosperity.
Thanks for reading,

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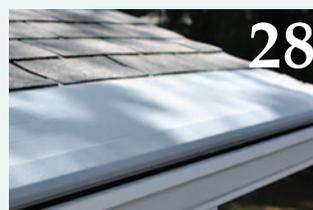
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Luxury Features Can Turn Your Bathroom Into a Private Sanctuary

It's always a perfect time to renovate your bathroom. No longer a mere functional space, today's bathroom can be part spa, part sanctuary, and part recharge station - and it can be more lavishly designed than ever before. Decades ago, the bath was an afterthought, tucked in your home with no clear distinction. And usually the plumber would "design" the bathroom leaving the shared space small with the objective being to get in and out quickly. That story is very different today. The bath-

room has become an even more private space with a focus on the homeowners personal well being and style. "People are putting more attention into their bathrooms, now more than ever," explains Faye Motsenigos, President of Bella Casa Kitchen & Bath of Allentown. "We are seeing more homeowners wanting to add luxury features, like heated towel bars, heated flooring and large scale pattern tiles. If you are considering a bathroom remodel, there's plenty of options for indulging."

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Soak in Style

With or without a view, the freestanding tub has become emblematic of the luxury bathroom. Free-standing or soaking tubs, have really taken off in the past 10 years as they continue to be popular additions to any bathroom. Minimalist styles with graceful curves can make any bathroom look like a spa retreat, but traditional clawfoot tubs are starting to rise in popularity as well.

Walk Into Luxury

The shower, though, is definitely challenging the reign of the tub. The modern shower is either a fully tiled open area or an expansive space enclosed with glass that can create a steaming chamber. And there are few things more luxurious-feeling than a full walk-in shower. Fit yours with a hand-held shower head option or install a rain style ceiling mounted shower head. If you have the room, consider dual shower heads for a truly glorious shower experience. Or go all the way with a shower panel, which features built-in and fully ad-

justable waterfall showerhead, body spray jets, and a handheld shower wand. Pebble or stone floors will bring a spa-like feel to your shower experience. A shower bench, whether it's a wall-mounted floating bench, a teak wooden bench, or a built-in tile bench will make your showering experience as comfortable as can be. If you don't have the space for a larger shower, Mot-senigos suggests a frameless, curbless shower. "Barrier-free showers are really popular because you just walk in and don't have that awkward step up. They open up the space quite elegantly."

Make a Statement with Tiling

We're through with the standard, plain white or other single color wall tiles. Add some color and pizzazz with patterned ceramic, natural stone, glass mosaic, glazed porcelain, faux wood porcelain, or sculptured tiles. Make your bathroom more interesting by combining a mixture of large and small tiles, patterned and monochrome. Turn your bathroom into a piece of art by



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installing an accent wall with tiles that contrast from the tiles on the floor and other walls. If your bathroom is small, large format tiles will give it a more spacious feel.

Vanities and More Vanities

The sky's the limit with vanities and sinks; there are so many styles and options to choose from that you're sure to find one that fits your bathroom. Vessel-sink vanities are a great new option to add an artful touch to your bathroom; a tall faucet perched on top of the flat vanity base flows into an elegant bowl that can be blown glass, porcelain china, granite, or stone. Although white, ebony, and gray vanities will never go out of style, today you have many bold

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color choices that can become the centerpiece of the room. If your bathroom walls are especially colorful, a warm wood vanity can add a touch of charm. Vanities that include open shelves on one side or across the bottom can make a small bathroom look larger and feel like a spa (all it takes is to finish the look with some plush folded towels on the shelf). Open bottom and floating vanities have also become popular, and both styles give a more airy, roomy feel to your bathroom.

Luxury Flooring

Bringing the natural look of wood into the bathroom is a trend that is on the rise. We've already incorporated this look into our kitchens, living rooms, and bedrooms. And now with 100% waterproof luxury vinyl you can have the look in your bathroom too. If you're a tile lover, you can use wood-patterned porcelain tile or other nat-

ural-looking tiles such as marble. Simple, yet beautiful black and white stenciled tiles are another popular look that will give your bathroom a retro, farmhouse look. These tiles come in many different patterns and once laid down, they form a mesmerizing pattern that will add a layer of complexity to your bathroom. Before you lay your tile down, consider adding an additional bonus that everyone loves: radiant heat. Radiant heat technology has come a long way in the past 10 years and so has it's popularity. Perfect for use with tile flooring and cool climates, your bathroom will feel like a luxurious spa once you put your bare feet on those toasty warm tiles.

Finish it Off with High End Finishes

Don't forget all the high end finishes that will truly make your bathroom remarkable, such as brushed nickel or gold hardware in your sink, shower, and tub.

Make your vanity countertop really jump out with marble or quartz. Give your shower a seamless look with minimalist linear and hidden drains. Replace your old-fashioned toilet with a sleek tankless toilet. Install an overhead light fixture with Bluetooth and color changing LEDs for nightlights. Motsenigos says bluetooth programmable thermostats and heated towel bars are popular add-ons with many of their clients.

Working with a pro can actually help you achieve a more high-end look for your bathroom. "Here at Bella Casa, we walk them through the entire process," says Motsenigos. "There's a lot of decisions to make and sometimes the bathroom can feel like a smaller project but there's a lot more detail that goes into it. Choosing your cabinetry, your countertops, glass shower doors, so many little details and finishes. Homeowners try to sometimes piece it together themselves using different contractors but it's an overwhelming project if you don't have someone coordinating it all." She adds that many homeowners are surprised by the options her team presents to them, many of which they didn't know even existed. ■



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The Kitchen of Your Dreams is a Phone Call Away

Your kitchen and bathroom are the two rooms that set your home apart. If you're looking to remodel, these are the spots where you're going to want to add in those jaw-dropping features that make guests' eyes pop with envy. And no other element can bring the show-stopping glamour to a home like exquisite countertops and tiling.

Allentown's Eastern Surfaces is ready to give your home that wow factor, with one of the biggest selections of countertops in the Lehigh Valley. And with nearly 30 years of experience, they're ready to guide you through the process, from selection through installation, so you get the home of your dreams on time and on budget.

You're sure to find just the right style countertop for your home with Eastern Surface's expansive selection of colors, patterns and textures that includes natural stone, marble, quartz, and solid surface countertops. They also have a full array of sinks, faucets and tile options to cover all your home remodel needs.

Karen A. Kuranda, Eastern Surface's Sales and Business De-

velopment Manager, explains what sets Eastern Surfaces apart. "We have a vast selection, superior expertise, state-of-the-art industry technology, and exceptional personalized service. All that at an outstanding value is why homeowners keep referring their friends and neighbors to us."

Eastern Surfaces has decades of experience servicing not only homeowners, but retailers, contractors and commercial clients as well. Kuranda says the Eastern Surfaces team works hard to provide individual attention to each client, no matter the size of their project, helping them through the selection process and providing insightful design ideas. "We give you a personalized experience that draws on our many years of experience in the industry. You'll get expert customer service, while benefiting from the added value of our buying power. We're there through every step to make it an enjoyable journey."

You can start your journey on Eastern Surfaces' website, which includes a fun, user-friendly room visualizer, allowing you to "try-out" Eastern Surface's vast inventory of



Image courtesy of Bella Casa Kitchen & Bath.

Make your bathroom feel like a spa retreat with gorgeous countertop options from Eastern Surfaces.

countertop materials and colors within a virtual kitchen layout. Get a feel for how your cabinets will match a new backsplash or countertop. With this tool you'll see all the possibilities for your kitchen remodel without leaving your home.

Looking for more inspiration? Eastern Surfaces has a gorgeous showroom to give you great design ideas. Currently, due to COVID-19, the showroom is open by appointment only, Monday through Friday 8am – 4:30pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm with at least 24-hour notice. They look forward to being able to resume regular walk-in showroom traffic in the coming months. Eastern also offers phone and virtual consultations to accommodate any preference.

With hundreds of natural stone and solid surface materials to choose from (you can browse their full inventory on their website), having the sales team at Eastern Surfaces guide you through the selection process makes everything so much easier. They'll give guidance on what materials best suit your needs and budget, while explaining the differences in style and durability.

And with Eastern Surfaces, you'll get to see full-slab sizes and can handpick the stone that will be going into your kitchen. This hands-on approach far exceeds some suppliers who only show you a photo or small sample. "This takes so much of the guesswork out of your purchase," adds Kuranda. "We also use precision technology to properly measure your space and make our stone cuts before installation."

You can trust Eastern Surfaces' decades of experience when it comes to the meticulous tasks of measuring, cutting, and installing your new countertop. "Our owners have spent their entire careers in the countertop business," explains Kuranda. "It's not only their business, but their passion. That dedication is evident in how each of our customer's projects are treated with extreme importance."

When choosing a countertop supplier to work with, she advises homeowners to do their homework. "You want a countertop business that is reliable and customer-focused.



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Eastern Surfaces makes it easy to choose the right countertop for your kitchen remodel, with advice, insight and the option to hand select your piece.

It's important to read testimonials from other homeowners. We're very proud of what our customer reviews say," says Kuranda. "And, we make sure you get the best prices for the highest quality materials."

Eastern Surfaces has a four-star rating on Google and has been recognized by both Angie's List and Houzz as a top countertop provider. A member of the Natural Stone Institute and National Kitchen and Bath Association, Kuranda says the company prides itself on being an industry leader and innovator in the Lehigh Valley. "Between our years of experience and expansive inventory, we're proud to be the Lehigh Valley's leading countertop resource. To fully cater to our client's needs we offer financing options, expert installations, and brand name accessories in sinks, faucets, and tile to cover all of their remodel needs. We also back up our work with a service department that's here for you in the future beyond your installation." Kuranda suggests anyone considering a kitchen or bath remodel should give Eastern Surfaces a call and see how welcome they feel. "Remodeling a kitchen or bath is a fun and exciting process. We're here ready to give you that room of your dreams!" ■



The Eastern Surfaces team.

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Bring All The Comforts of Home ...

Creating the home you really want isn't just creating an ideal living space inside the house. The outdoors are coming into play with so many new interesting and innovative ways these days too. While some homeowners look to create separate outdoor living spaces, such as kitchens or grilling stations, others might seek a more blended space. And this trend appears to be continuing as homeowners try to make the most of their space both inside and out.

Outdoors

And now could not be a more perfect time to make your own outdoor living space THE getaway spot. There's no need to travel when you have all the amenities right outside your backdoor. You've got the space, so here are some useful suggestions to make it beautiful, useful, and oh, so convenient.

Outdoor Kitchens and Dining

Make cooking al fresco even more delightful with an Outdoor Kitchen and dining area. Cooking and eating a meal outside is a lovely, good-weather activity. But with all that loveliness comes a few headaches. Case in point: hauling food and supplies out from the kitchen can be a huge hassle, especially when you realize halfway through cooking that you've forgotten an ingredient you need right now. If cooking outside with all the essentials at your fingertips is your idea of domestic bliss, then consider building an outdoor kitchen of your own.



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Living Room to the Outdoors

Your patio or outdoor living room is an important part of your personal health. It's a place to relax, to forget your worries. To stretch. To drink wine. Today, a patio isn't just a patio. It's a ceiling-less living room - so bring on the sofas and sectionals. And merging your indoor and outdoor space is becoming a popular trend because it gives you the ability to have a functional room all while being in your own outdoor space. Your outdoor living could be as simple as roofing an existing patio and setting up a sofa, coffee table, and loveseat. Or you could fit the space with windows and sliding or swinging glass doors. These features will truly blur the line between outdoor and indoor space as you can adjust the amount of open air as weather permits. Outdoor furniture must be able to withstand rain and extreme temperatures in a way that indoor clearly does not. Indoor/Outdoor furniture, such as wood or wicker, that can endure the elements but doesn't look out of place inside or out would work well together. And if that's not your style, you can



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focus on your color palette, and carry those colors from your inside space to your outdoor living space.

Not Your Parent's Decks

Backyard decks are no longer the flat, square, and boring space-killers that our parents had. These days decks can be dynamic spaces that incorporate multiple levels and features such as pools, fireplaces, sectional seating, planters, and more. You can build a deck that includes

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Water Features, Take Me Away

Not that long ago, ponds or other water features such as fountains were rare sights in a backyard, but thankfully they're trending for good reason. Water features give you the ability to bring a little bit of nature into your yard, providing a calm and tranquil place for you and your

family. Stock them with fish, and they'll attract other wildlife too, such as dragonflies and frogs. You can incorporate a design that compliments your backyard perfectly. If you have a sloped yard, consider building a multi-tiered pond separated by waterfalls. Surrounded by a lush garden, the sound of fountains and waterfalls can make you feel like you're instantly transported to a far-off resort...even if you're just a few steps away from your home office.

Hardscaping Options are Endless

Hardscaping is a great option if you don't want a deck or if you're not ready to commit to a large outdoor space. You can start with a small patio with a walkway, for instance, and expand as your wants and needs change. There are so many attractive hardscaping options that you're sure to find one that you love and fits in with the look of your house. You can have a rustic stacked stone look, or a sleek modern feel with cut stones and tiles. You can accent your hardscaped area with some furniture, or take it further with a pergola for shade, or even a whole outdoor bar, barbecue, or kitchen. Build a beautiful hardscaped area around a pond or garden for a villa-style experience. Hardscaping is great for being able to easily incorporate curves and irregular shapes, so that your outdoor space fits naturally into the contours of your yard.

Don't Forget the Fireplace

Outdoor fire pits or fireplaces have become hugely



popular, and it's not hard to see why. They offer a great atmosphere and mood, especially at night. Fireplaces become a focal point where people gather to sit and talk, cook a meal, warm up on a chilly night, or just stare into the mesmerizing fire. Fireplaces can be built from many types of material to suit your specific look, such as brick, stone, or other hardscaping material. They can be built into a wall as part of an outdoor room, or free-standing on a deck or patio. Propane and electric options make getting a fire going practically instantaneous. A crackling fire in your outdoor space is truly one of the best ways to end the day.

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While outdoor flooring needs to be able to endure the elements in a way that indoor flooring obviously does not, it's important to consider how to transition from the inside flooring to the outside flooring. One option would be to use tile or a natural flooring option that can work in both spaces. Like flooring, outdoor furniture must be able to withstand rain and extreme temperatures in a way that indoor clearly does not. So in order to maintain the visual flow created it's advisable to maintain similar furniture styles. Indoor/Outdoor furniture, such as

wood or wicker, that can endure the elements but doesn't look out of place inside or out would work well together. And if that's not your style, you can focus on your color palette, and carry those colors from one space to the other.

For Your Consideration

Before starting your project to transform your backyard into a functional and beautiful space, there are few things you should think about:

- Location of the space you intend to use: is the space connected to the house, and therefore ceilings and walls will be connected to your house or will your outdoor room be free-standing? Will you need to include pavers or decking for a walkway?
- Size of the space: will the outdoor space dominate your whole yard? If so, you might want to scale it back to make sure you have room in the yard for other activities and some green space.





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- Shape of your yard and intended space: linear shapes fitted into other linear shapes are boring to the eye. Consider juxtaposing triangular, circular, or other shaped areas in your rectangular yard.
- How the space flows with your home: try not to deviate too much from the look and feel of your home when building your outdoor space. Try to use similar materials and architecture so that the new space blends seamlessly with your home.
- Consider your wants and needs before building: what exactly do you hope to gain from your outdoor space? Privacy, peace, a useful garden, or a space for entertaining? Map out your needs ahead of time so you can make sure your new outdoor space has everything you would want.

For help with answering these and other design questions, contacting a decking, hardscaping and outdoor living professional is invaluable. They'll be able to offer suggestions and ideas you may not thought possible for your new outdoor space! ■

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While we're all spending more time in our homes than we ever have before. And maybe you're starting to feel a bit cramped as you and your family walk on top of each other. Avoid all the headaches and stress of moving to a bigger home by considering a new home addition. An addition to your home might be just what you need to open up your home a bit, give you more space to live and breath, and add value to your home! There's a full spectrum of home addition projects to consider, from big square footage jobs to small add-ons. No other remodeling project creates as much space, costs as much, or takes as much time as a house addition. Yet, an addition seems to be the one house alteration that most people want usually because they really need the extra space and adding on allows them to stay in their current home.



Home Story Addition

Although it's a huge undertaking, adding a second or third story to your house could significantly increase your square footage and usable space. This is a great option if your yard is small or neighboring properties are too close to expand outward. A second or third story addition could give you additional bedrooms, an office space, or expand your master into the grand bedroom you've always wanted. Most homeowners complete an addition by hiring a remodeling contractor or builder, but that does not mean the owners are hands-off. On the contrary, homeowners need to be involved with every step of the process to make informed decisions and to ensure the work meets their expectations. To prepare for a home addition, it can help to view the project as a step by step project. Besides all the building materials which are in abundance, the first thing

you should do is determine your budget! Know the scale of your project. A home addition is just like building a house and involves designing, budgeting, permits, contractors and subcontractors. It's very important to be realistic about your budget. While some homeowners report paying \$50,000 to \$75,000 for a full scale, multi-level addition, a more realistic number is probably closer to the low six figures.

Kitchen

Expanding your kitchen with an addition is a very popular way to add space. Many homes, especially older homes have kitchens that are too small or not laid out well. An addition can give you space to move around, and increase cabinet and counter space. One thing to keep in mind with a kitchen addition is that you may need to replace your existing cabinets and countertops to ensure that the addition

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flows seamlessly into the original space. But with an addition, you'll have much more freedom to design the space around your family's needs -- desperate for a bigger breakfast bar? Tired of never having enough pantry space? Longing for that big, gorgeous new smart fridge? An addition makes the possibilities limitless. Jason Larsen is the owner of American Remodeling in Schuylkill Haven, which in addition to construction projects and full room remodels, offers roofing, siding, windows, doors, and epoxy flooring installation. Larsen suggests looking into the most practical options for your home before you consider adding on an addition. "The biggest headache many homeowners run into are zoning issues and to plan for around two months of construction. But that's just an average because some smaller additions can be completed faster, while more ambitious projects may take much more time."

Mudroom

As any parent can attest, the comings and goings of kids can create a huge mess that can't be contained by your kitchen or into whatever room your front or back door opens. A mud room is a relatively small addition that can put your mind at ease and reduce the amount of tracked mud you have to clean up (with a well-placed sturdy rug). A mudroom addition can be fitted with tons of storage such as shelves, hooks, and cabinets. Your mudroom addition will become a great place to store coats, leashes, and clean up a muddy dog. Depending on the amount of space, you could bring your washer and dryer into this space (and skip the constant laundry trips to the basement) or add in a bench for sitting.

Sunroom

The addition of a sunroom might be the ultimate solution if you're looking for a peaceful place in your home where you can get away and relax. They're mostly windowed, so they let in large amounts of natural light, perfect for potted plants and a comfortable chair or sofa. Three-season sunrooms are less costly to build than a four-season addition, but with an added heating element, you (and your plants) will be able to use a four-season sunroom year round. Jason Larsen, of American Remodeling, suggests one of the easiest and most cost-effective options is building right on top of an existing deck. "You can add a footing to hold the weight of a sunroom, you're not getting into the cost of a foundation and excavation and you don't have to do the zoning since this should have already happened with your deck's construction."

Bathroom

If you're looking to add value to your home and it only has one bathroom, then the addition of a second bathroom is a no-brainer. Unused space under your stairs or in your finished basement could be converted into a powder room, or you could go all-in and add on a second full bathroom. Pay close attention to where the existing piping is in your house as you plan your bathroom addition, as the cost of running new waste and water lines can accumulate quickly.

Home Office

An obvious choice for an addition for many people these days is a more well-appointed home office. Working in the corner of a bedroom or on the kitchen table just won't cut it, especially if you have kids running around. The addition of a home office can give you a dedicated space that you don't have to clean up when it's time to put dinner on the table. "Today people are looking for whatever space they can get to turn it into a home office," explains Larsen. "They're sometimes taking their bedroom, turning it into an office space and putting in a new master bedroom." As an added bonus, the office addition will count as an additional bedroom and increase your home value, especially if you build the office large enough.

Dormer

If you have a sloped roof on your second or third floor, those rooms can feel dark and cramped. A dormer can be the





perfect small addition to add a window to the room, letting in light and opening up the space to make it more usable. You'll also get a bonus reading nook or storage bench if you build in the area.

Bump-out

A bump-out addition enables you to add space to an existing room without having to expand your foundation; they extend beyond the edge of the existing floor plan. A bump-out can enable you to add a dining nook or pantry in your kitchen, a closet to a bedroom, or a space for an entertainment center in a living room or even a work out or office space.

Garage

If your house currently doesn't have a garage, then the addition of a one- or two-car garage would give you workspace and extra storage space. When determining the location for your garage addition, you'll want to consider the layout of your yard and driveway to place it in the most useful and aesthetically-pleasing location. Do you want the garage to be attached to your house or free-standing? Free-standing is easier to build, but attached will make going into the garage on those chilly winter days is a little more pleasant. Whatever your home addition dreams, talking to a professional contractor experienced in all types of additions can give you insight into the timeframe, budget, and local regulations you'll need to factor into your remodeling plans. ■

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The Importance of Good Gutters



We hear a lot about gutters and in general procrastinate about climbing up on a ladder to clean them, but what makes them so important and why might it be worth investing in a more innovative system? **Here's a few quick reasons.**

Foundation Health

Did you know that what happens on top of your roof can actually affect what happens below ground? It's true, without well-functioning gutters to carry rain away, water can erode the soil causing your foundation to become susceptible to water damage. Replacing gutters is a lot cheaper and easier than repairing foundation issues.

Roof Health

Gutters help to draw rainwater down off of the roof and if they are clogged or not working properly, the gutters can actually do more harm than good, allowing water to collect on areas like eaves and fascia and causing wood rot.

Landscaping

Shrubs and plants growing near your home can sustain damage if water is pooling around their roots and causing erosion. This is especially dangerous in the colder months when ice can collect due to clogged gutters and damage even the hardiest plants.

Protection of Doors and Garage

Wood plus water is never a good mix and properly functioning gutters can protect expensive parts of your home, like garage doors and entryways from unnecessary water damage, not to mention shielding heads and hats from lots of rain drips.

Helps Maintain Siding

You might not notice it, but rainwater can carry all kinds of debris and dirt with it as it runs off of a roof. Without properly functioning gutters to divert this mix, your homes siding can take a real hit. Not only does this cause staining and dirt to accumulate, making for an unkempt appearance, but over time it can also cause wood rot, which can lead to bigger problems like rodents and structural damage.



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- Water damming can cause damage to your roof eaves and fascia
- Pooled water not properly draining can leak into the house and damage walls and flooring
- In the summer months, mosquitoes can breed in the standing water
- Dry leaves in gutters can be a fire hazard Standing water can erode the gutter itself
- Deterioration of gutters occurs which causes leaks and eventual failure
- Wet leaves and debris can put too much weight on the gutter, resulting in it pulling away from the house, which can also damage the fascia and soffits, and worst case scenario can cause the gutter to pull part of the wall down with it.

In cold weather months, ice can collect in clogged gutters preventing the flow of melting snow. With nowhere to drain, the melting snow can re-freeze on the roof and eventually leak into your home.

As you can see, gutters cover a lot of preventative maintenance ground. They might be easy to overlooked but ignoring having them in good working order can cause a host of problems. Today's gutter professionals have many options available for upgrading your home's current system to one that is virtually maintenance-free. Many options are weather-proof or weather-resistant and come with guarantees. Not only will a new gutter system give your home an attractive facelift, but they can save you from much more costly repairs for years to come.

Todd Wiest of Keystone Gutter Helmet has some advice for getting the best installation. "Two things to ask about when shopping for gutters are: 1) What gauge aluminum is being extruded. 032 gauge is best and 2) what kind of hangers are being used. Hidden hangers with a gusset are best installed every 24 inches." "Pick a company that can provide proof of insurance and that is a local company," adds Wiest. "That way if there is a need for a call back, they will respond. Also, ask for references or to see a customer list of people in your area."

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