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Beautiful & Beautifully Efficient

Whether you live in a newer home or an older home, chances are it's not as energy-efficient as you would like. You might sense this each month when you receive another high energy bill in the mail, or each time you reach for a sweater to fend off the chills or need to find your slippers. Many homeowners don't realize how surprisingly easy it is to make your home more energy-efficient at the same time you're remodeling to make your home more beautiful.

Curb Appeal That Curbs Energy Usage

Homeowners win when exterior remodeling not only improves curb appeal, it saves money too. If your renovation plans include updating the exterior of your home, you have the perfect opportunity to upgrade energy performance by adding rigid-foam sheathing under replacement siding, installing insulated siding, or installing an air barrier to reduce leakage.



Rigid-foam sheathing creates a continuous thermal barrier around the house. Air flow in and out of the building envelope is significantly restricted, thereby improving the efficiency of heating and cooling systems. Insulated siding has rigid foam insulation fused behind the exterior surface of the siding panel. Not only does it reduce energy costs year-round, but it can be visually appealing in each of its maintenance-free forms, many with the look and texture of real wood.

Wrap Your Home in Comfort

With a more involved exterior remodel, we might also discuss adding a "wrap" to your home. Home wraps are made from specially engineered polymers and help seal your home from the elements, keeping outside air where it belongs so you enjoy more comfort and lower energy bills.

Windows & Doors: Your Opening to Energy Savings

If you're replacing windows and doors as part of your remodel, you have a wonderful opportunity to choose the latest energy-saving products. High-performance windows provide warmer interior

surfaces during the winter and cooler interior surfaces during the summer, so your home always feels just right. Today's exterior doors often fit better and are better insulated, particularly compared to older style conventional doors or sliding glass patio doors.



The best part of all is that remodeling affords you the perfect opportunity to have your windows and doors installed right. T&K employs energy-saving knowledge and techniques that not only tackle heat loss around frames, but address the energy efficiency of the exterior walls surrounding the windows and doors.

Interior Sealing & Insulation Make for a Cozy Home

If your energy bills are high, chances are your home could use some additional interior insulation and sealing. Typical culprits that rob you of energy are under-insulated attics, leaky windows and doors, or drafty basements. But don't forget that your remodel gives you important access to difficult-to-reach areas between floors, inside walls, or under floors. This includes the air-losing ducts that run throughout your home. So it's the perfect time to make your home as energy-efficient as it can be. Energy Star estimates that a homeowner can save up to 20% on heating and cooling costs (or up to 10% on total annual energy bills) by sealing and insulating. T&K can show you numerous ways to make you feel more comfortable in your home.

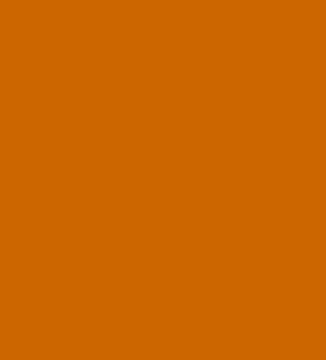
So don't just make your home beautiful - make it beautifully efficient! Think about remodeling as a welcome opportunity to increase your home's comfort and put money back in your pocket. And that's when you'll really love your home.

Home Maintenance Tip: An Easy Way to Save on Water

Even if you have a low-flow toilet, it can still waste water if it's not in good repair. To find out if your toilet is in good working order, just add a small amount of red food coloring to the tank and check back in 30 minutes. If you see that the water in the bowl has turned red, water is seeping through from the tank indicating it's time to replace some tank parts.

We thank you for your referrals!

Warm thanks to those of you who've passed along our name to friends, associates and family. We like nothing more than helping homeowners realize how much they can love their homes. And if you come across anyone else looking for a totally satisfying remodeling experience,



please have them visit our website at www.TandKcontractors.com and call us - they will thank you too!

See you next month!

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