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T&K Contractors was recently recognized for volunteering our time and effort to design and construct a new office area for the Plainsboro Police Department in one of their SWAT transport trailers. We're happy to help our local police officers, who truly deserve the best working environment possible. We've proudly posted the letter and certificate that they sent us on our website.

Choosing an HDTV

Whether you're planning to create a small home entertainment center or a full-blown home theater room, it is important to pick the right high definition television. But, with all of the new technologies out there, many consumers are confused as to what type of screen best suits their needs. While this is not a comprehensive guide, here is some information about the different screen technologies that are currently available.

Front Projectors

For a true home theater, front-projecting units are the way to go. These units project images across the room onto a screen, just like a movie projector. Front projectors offer stunning high definition quality and the largest screen sizes, so if you are building your own home theater room and want the full movie experience, they are ideal. However, they work best in completely dark rooms (something which only a true home theater provides) and thus are not ideal in every situation.



Plasma and LCD Televisions

Plasma and LCD televisions are flat panel units, meaning they are very thin and can be hung on the wall. Some people prefer the enhanced color depth of plasma technology and others prefer the stunning clarity of an LCD screen, but both types of screen offer amazing image quality when hooked up to a digital source. Both produce very bright pictures that can be viewed from a wide angle.

Choosing between the two technologies usually comes down to the individual consumer's preference, the desired screen size, and the budget. Keep in mind that plasma screens are only available in large sizes and their glass screens tend to reflect ambient room light. LCD screens are available in small as well as large sizes, but are generally more expensive than plasmas in large sizes.

Rear Projection Televisions

If you are looking for a big screen without a big price, you may want to consider rear projection televisions. They provide great picture quality at a great price, especially in very large sizes. However, although they have flat screens, they are not flat panel units and cannot be hung on the wall. In addition, they do not produce as bright of a picture as plasma and LCD screens do, and are best viewed at a more limited range of angles (when you get off to the side of the screen, it will appear much darker and will be harder to see).

The Big Picture

The technical aspects of the television, like the resolution (the best resolution available is called 1080p, but 1080i and 720p are very good as well) and the contrast ratio (higher is better) are

important, but your personal impression of the picture quality is what really matters, which is why it's so important to see the television in person before you buy it. There are many things to consider when buying a new television, more than can be covered in an overview like this. To learn more, visit a trusted electronics store and talk to the staff or do more research on the internet.

If you are interested in creating a true home theater, be sure to give us a call. High quality home theaters require careful planning for things like wiring surround-sound speakers, sound insulation, heating and cooling, and seating arrangements. Also, keep in mind that available television technology is changing quickly and new types of sets will soon be available, like the much-anticipated OLED and Laser units. When preparing your home theater you may want to allow for future technological changes. Don't let the wide variety of choices scare you! There are many great sets out there. One of them will be just right for you.

Home Maintenance Reminder: Have your Home Inspected for Termites and other Pests

Termites cause billions of dollars of damage each year, feeding off of wood, insulation, and filtration systems. An inspector can determine if you have a termite infestation in your home or yard and treat it effectively.

See you next month!

Anthony & Sal