

Syncing Home Improvement with the Seasons



WINTER



SPRING



SUMMER



FALL

Are you working on your dream house one project at a time? Getting hands-on with home improvements can save you thousands and some projects can increase the value of your home when it's time to move. But many homeowners end up losing their smart investment because they fail to time their handiwork around the unique challenges of each season. Get a leg up on your next project by getting the timing right.

HERE'S WHEN YOU SHOULD PLAN FOR THESE POPULAR HOME IMPROVEMENTS:



Window Replacements

Energy efficiency is on the mind of most homebuyers today, so installing energy efficient windows is a great way to boost the value of your home and save you money in the long run on heating and cooling costs. Replace your windows during the **spring** or **early summer** so sealants work effectively and window materials don't expand or contract in extreme temperatures.



Hardwood Floor Installation



Hardwood floors last longer than carpets, work well with changing interiors and even reduce allergens in the house. Because wood absorbs moisture easily and can distort in humid climates, the ideal season to install new floors is **fall** when the weather is crisp. Winter heating units can dry out the wood and the humidity of the summer brings with it too much moisture.



Kitchen & Bath Remodeling



The kitchen and bathroom are the top two areas to focus on when remodeling your home with homebuyers in mind. You can get back 80-130% of what you spend to add another bathroom, and tasteful kitchen remodels (that still match the feel of the rest of the house) are always big selling points. These projects are good for **all seasons except summer**.



PRO TIP

Before adding any home improvement to your to-do list, review your homeowners insurance with your agent to make sure it covers the entire scope of the project, whether big or small. Your agent will be able to suggest policy changes to cover the extent of the renovations.



Heating & Air Conditioning Replacements



Pricy HVAC breakdowns, uneven temperatures and high energy bills could lead you to consider heating and air conditioning replacements for your home. If you invest in energy-efficient units and systems and time installations during the off-seasons (**spring & fall**), you'll be better prepared for extreme temperatures.



Insulation



The average home can have enough leaks to equal a hole in the wall, so sealing them up can save you hundreds on your utility bill. Check your basement, attic, doors, electrical sockets and even light switches for leaks or hire an energy auditor to get a more complete picture of your home. Then work on insulating **earlier in the fall** to start saving in the winter.

PRO TIP

Once your project is completed, talk to your insurer again about the newly added value of your home and the increased coverage options available to you.



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