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Summer can be a fun time, and with a little planning ahead you can get your home ready for a variety of activities. Your guests will surely enjoy staying with you in your newly made over home. Read on to learn how to prepare a home for summer.□□

Replace old inefficient windows – one major way to prepare for the summer is to find ways to reduce the cost of cooling your home. One major step is to replace old inefficient windows with modern eco-friendly windows. Even newer homes have windows and doors that are not air tight and allow your cooled air to slip right out. With the additional incentives from the federal government, now is an ideal time to address this issue.□□

Upgrade Your Home For Summer

Add a bi-level deck and patio - A bi-level deck provides both a sunny, elevated area as well as an area to relax in out of the sun. When done by a professional, this home addition can enhance both the appearance of your home and your family's lifestyle.□□

Have custom cabinets created and installed in your garage – Summer time is the time of year when our garages see the most use. Whether it's the kids gabbing bicycles or baseball gear, or you using the garage as

a hub and storage facility for your lawn equipment, garages are used for more than just storing our automobiles. In the summer, all the additional activities may even make housing your autos impossible. Now is the perfect time to get your garage organized and turn your garage storage area into another valuable space in your home.□□

Upgrade your exterior - New trees and shrubs offer a chance to mix it up with fresh colors, fragrance and interesting foliage. Adding new trees also adds the added benefit of providing cool shaded places for your family to enjoy for years to come.□□

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email the expert

Question: I'm ready to do my spring-cleaning; would you please advise me a good way to wash my windows. Molly Duffy

Answer: Apart from this regular cleaning the windows and window frames will need a good washing. Again the frequency will depend on weather conditions. We are all so busy these days that it is a job that is likely put off and forgotten. Schedule this for at least twice a year.

Use a good soapy solution to wash the whole units. Be prepared to keep changing the water as it gets dirty – there's no use washing with dirty water – you will only swirl around the muck.

Clean the glass AFTER the frames. You don't want to mess up your work at the edges by doing it in the wrong order. Use a specially prepared window cleaner for ease and speed. Have a non-linting cloth to apply and polish the glass. If you use a cleaning solution in water you may wish to use a squeegee just like the experts

You can email the Expert by sending your questions to <mailto:info@feltonantim.com> Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is required to answer your question.

THANK YOU FRIENDS FOR YOUR REFERRALS

We cannot thank enough everyone who has referred Felton Antrim Construction Co. to their friends or family this past month. Your kind actions are really what make us a success. While we don't have enough room to mention everyone, here are a few:

Mr & Mrs Jon Matlock referred the Fitzgeralds
Mr and Mrs Foyer referred the Brown Family
Mr and Mrs Sanchez referred the Smucker Family

Would you like to have the nicest home in the neighborhood?

Do you know we are experts in a variety of home improvement projects? If you're considering a new project for your home, please give us a call. We'll be happy to answer all of your questions and provide you with our expert advice for free.

Here's a list of some of the projects we specialize in:

Kitchen Renovation
Bathroom Renovation
Sunrooms
Room Addition

famous quote

"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."

– Bill Cosby

6 Green Home Improvement Projects

1. Consider replacing worn out carpet or laminate flooring with bamboo floors. Bamboo, which is actually a grass that gets pressed into flooring, is a renewable source and a highly durable material well-suited for kitchens and other heavy traffic areas of the home.
2. Improve indoor air quality, reduce noise and save energy by replacing old windows with triple-pane wood windows that feature the blind or shade protected between panes of glass.
3. Switch out electronics to green products like ceiling fans to circulate heat and air conditioning, programmable thermostats and motion sensor light switches.
4. Adding a new room? Add new windows in key locations for an important green technique -- daylighting. Windows allow for natural daylighting which reduces or eliminates the need for artificial lighting, saving on energy costs.
5. Replace old counter tops with eco-friendly brands made of recycled paper and resin or those made from recycled glass and concrete.
6. Add a storm door. A new storm door will improve the look of your home's entry and create improved airflow in the spring and summer months. Plus, adding a storm door may help save on energy costs.

this month in history

May 5, 1961 - Alan Shepard became the first American in space. He piloted the spacecraft Freedom 7 during a 15-minute 28-second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles (186 kilometers) above the earth. Shepard's success occurred 23 days after the Russians had launched the first-ever human in space, cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, during an era of intense technological competition between the Russians and Americans called the Space Race.

trivia challenge

Upgrade Your Home For Summer

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Paint your interior or exterior – Nothing says “Out with the old and in with the new!” like a new paint job. □□

Transform your tired exterior with a new color or simply provide necessary maintenance to your exterior trim. □□ Don’t forget the inside of your home. Selecting new colors for your kitchen, dining room, family room, and other living areas will add new life to your home and brighten

your attitude too. Be sure to talk with your painting professional about using low or no VOC paints for your projects. □□

Remodel your home – In the summer it is typical for family or friends to visit, even if you aren’t expecting out-of-towners this season, what could be better than upgrading your home so that every day feels like a vacation for your family. Add a new room, remodel your basement, upgrading your kitchen or bathroom.

Enhancing your home leads to a more enjoyable time in your home, but beware you may make it so comfortable the guest may not want to leave!

Several stories are passed around to show how the month of May was named. The most widely accepted explanation is that it was named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring. Her name related to a Latin word that means what?

- A: Growth B: Marriage
C: Gold D:
Prosperity

The first correct answer faxed to (602)258-6032 or emailed to info@feltonantiim.com will be this month’s winner of 2 Movie Passes at (local theatre)!

LAST ISSUE’S TRIVIA WINNER

Felton Antrim Construction Co. is pleased to announce last issue’s Trivia Challenge winner. **Brandon Johnson** of **Gilbert, Arizona** was the first person to correctly answer this question:

Opening Day is the beginning of a new Major League Baseball season. It falls in beginning of April and signals a generational feeling of rebirth for many. For decades, the first pitch of every Major League season officially took place where?

Answer: Cincinnati

WE WELCOME OUR NEW FRIENDS INTO THE FELTON ANTRIM CONSTRUCTION CO. FAMILY

We believe in treating all of our customers like family, just ask any of our longtime customers. We are excited to welcome each of our first time **Felton Antrim Construction** customers. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and hope to see you again very soon. Here are just a few of the new members of the family.

- Jay & Vicki Ayers of Richmond
- Pete & Sunny Jarvis of Fairfax
- The Roberge Family of Leesburg
- Sandy St. John of Oak Hill
Referred by Lance Haldeman!

Thank you and welcome to everyone who recently joined our Felton Antrim Construction family... we couldn’t do it without YOU!

REFER YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY AND GET A \$50 HOME DEPOT

Many of our customers “find” us as a result of word of mouth. This simple, yet gracious, act by our customers has allowed us to be successful. For this generosity, we offer our gratitude and a token of our appreciation through our Referral Reward Program!

Here’s how:

1. Simply refer someone to our services by sharing our name, phone number, email or by giving them this newsletter.
2. Ask them to mention your name.
3. When your referral becomes our client we will automatically mail you a \$50 **Home Depot** gift certificate

When you refer your friends, neighbors or family, you’ve helped our business grow. Offering you this reward is our way of letting you know just how much we appreciate your actions

Remember to tell your friends to mention your name whenever they use our services!

WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING...

"From start to finish we felt like our project was in good hands. Our only regret is that we didn't have this done while our oldest son was still living at home with us. Thanks to you though, we can still enjoy it with the other children."

- Tony & Patty Dawson

Sudoku Puzzler

The Rules of Sudoku (sūdoku²)

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

			6	8	1
6	2		8		
	8	5		7	4 6
2			6	3	5 7
4	8				1 3
	3	7	4	2	
8	5		9		3 6
			3		7 9
3	9		2		

For the solution to this issue's Sudoku Puzzler, email us at <mailto:info@feltonantim.com>

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Green Tip

Save Money on Your Energy Bill –

You shave 1% off your energy bill per degree change over an 8-hour period. So, if you decrease your home thermostat 5 degrees while at work, you can save up to 5% off your monthly cooling bills.