

SUMMER NEWSLETTER July 2014

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SUMMER TIME PAINTING FUN

I've been thinking about giving the inside of my house a new coat of paint, and changing some of the colors of my rooms. Nothing can spruce up your home like a fresh coat of paint, and summer time seems to be the opportune time to do this chore with your windows open, whether you're a do-it-your-selfer or hire a professional. My one dilemma is that I still have quite a bit of partly used paint in my basement, so what to do with this?

Unwanted paint can be a problem. I know that basically leftover liquid paint doesn't belong in the trash. There are two types of paint: oil-based paint and latex (water-based) paint. Both oil and latex paints need to be disposed of properly. When discarded in the trash, the paint creates problems for waste collectors and for facilities that process our garbage. So here's what I found out:

Oil-Based Paint

Oil-based paint contains hazardous ingredients. Do not put it in the trash and do not mix it with latex paint. Look on the label for the words "oil" or "alkyd". Left-over oil and solvent-based paints, whether liquid or solid, should be taken to the Dane County Clean Sweep Facility at 7102 US Hwy 12, in Madison, for proper disposal.

([Click Here](#) for Dane County's Clean Sweep website)

Latex Paint

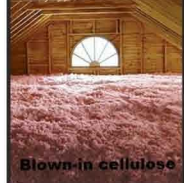
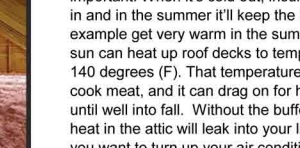
The best option is to use your leftover latex paint, or find someone who can. If you can't use it up and if it's over 1/2 full in good condition, Dane County's Clean Sweep will accept them for placement into their product exchange. Because latex paint is non-hazardous, it can be disposed of with your regular trash, provided that it is completely solidified or dried in the can. Never dispose of liquid paints in your trash. If you still have some liquid, but not much, you can mix it with clay kitty litter to absorb the remains and still dispose of in your trash. Or if there is less than a 1/4" of paint in the can, you can put it someplace safe, open the lid and let it dry up. Once the latex paint has hardened or solidified, it can be disposed of with your regular trash.

Storing Paint

Remember to store all paints properly. Do not let it freeze, place a piece of kitchen plastic wrap on the surface of the paint to keep it from drying out or forming a skin, and put the lid back on the can and tap firmly into place.

So if you're like me and painting this summer, check out Dane County's Clean Sweep web page (<http://www.danecountycleansweep.com>) for proper disposal information on all sorts of things.

HAPPY PAINTING - Lisa



INSULATION, IT'S NOT JUST FOR WINTER

Do you remember last winter? I think of images of snuggling in front warm fires, thick sweaters, colder temperatures and snow outside. For many contractors, winter's when the phone starts ringing, when people feel frigid drafts in their homes and decide it's time to add more insulation.

But summer is when it makes more sense economically to air-seal and insulate your attic because cooling costs (running your electrically powered air-conditioner) hits harder than heating costs.

Having a buffer against the elements, hot or cold, is important. When it's cold out, insulation will keep the heat in and in the summer it'll keep the heat out. Attics, for example get very warm in the summer time. The summer sun can heat up roof decks to temperatures as high as 140 degrees (F). That temperature is enough to slow-cook meat, and it can drag on for hours a day, from June until well into fall. Without the buffer of insulation, that heat in the attic will leak into your living space and make you want to turn up your air conditioning.

In addition to comfort, there's a payoff with energy savings too. So, if your house heats up like an oven in the summer, NOW'S the time to add insulation. Don't wait for fall – insulate to beat the summer heat. Your house will feel better, and your cooling bills will be lower.



THE BEAUTY BEHIND THE SCREEN

This year's crop of mosquitoes has put screen porches on many a dream come true list. As Ken always says, "Don't feed the mosquitoes!"

After our long and rough winter, we want the most from summer and autumn!

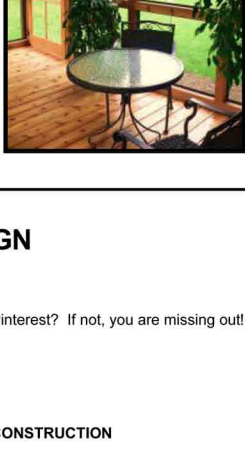
When do you get your dream? When you make up your mind that you deserve it.

A good way to start to build your dream is to first find a favorite spot where you can relax and let your wishful and fun thoughts have all your attention.

There are three words that can change your world:

Restore, Remodel, Renovate...

...to continue reading *The Beauty Behind the Screen*, [click here](#).



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...to name just a few!

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CARING FOR OLD HOMES

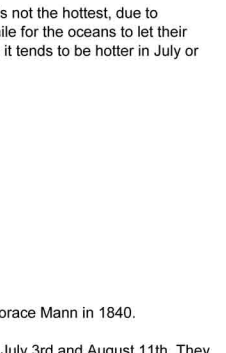
We love old homes!

Character, warmth, intricate details are nearly impossible to copy in new houses. How often have you heard someone say "They don't build 'em like they used to..."? Aesthetics aside, what if I said that's a good thing?

Venerable homes of the past were often built inefficiently, under structured, and sometimes unsafe. Not to worry!! All these problems can be overcome resulting in a happy home that is safe and comfortable, without losing its old world charm.

Here are a few things to consider...

...To continue reading this article and for more about: Lead paint, Insulation, Electrical, Plumbing, Stairs and Railings, [click here](#).



SUMMER FUN FACTS

~Even though June 21st is the longest day of the year, it's not the hottest, due to something called seasonal temperature lag. It takes a while for the oceans to let their stored summer solstice heat back into the air. That's why it tends to be hotter in July or August than in June.



~School summer vacations were invented by educator Horace Mann in 1840.

~The Dog Days of Summer refers to the weeks between July 3rd and August 11th. They are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the constellation of Canis Major, visible during this time.

~More about the summer star Sirius: Ancient Romans and Greeks blamed Sirius for the extreme temperatures, drought, sickness, and discomfort that came in late summer.

~The first bathing suit for women was created in the 1800s. It was long sleeved with woolen bloomers.

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