

## SPRING NEWSLETTER April 2013

Spring has been just a bit late arriving here in southern Wisconsin. Since I can't trust the weather outside, I've been making lists - things that I want to get done, things that need to be done and what I'm going to plant in my bare spots outside. Lists help keep me on track. For one of my favorite lists, look below. You might find this list handy for this spring....  
-Lisa

### FREE SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE Check-List

Spring is here, with it's warm sun, cool rains and fresh air. It's the time of year that our homes could use a "tune-up" after the cold winter months. Even a mild winter can have freezing and thawing that can cause damage to gutters, roofs and other items around your home. It's a good idea to give your home a once over so you can enjoy the weather and the upcoming summer months. For this reason, we are offering a **FREE** Spring Home Maintenance Schedule. Just go to [www.AdamsOfMadison.com](http://www.AdamsOfMadison.com) and download your **FREE** copy of our check-list. Your home will be happy that you did!



### ENTRY DOOR - IS IT TIME TO REPLACE IT?

We often think about replacing our windows, they may be old, cracked, or we need something more energy efficient. But what about our front door? Quality doors add to the curb appeal of a home, increase the value, and also enhance your home's security. Block the noise outside from entering your home with a well built door which will provide a sound barrier. Energy efficiency is the most important door feature to have. Well built doors provide tight, long-lasting barriers by using effective weather seals to improve energy efficiency. The function of door (patio, garage, front or interior door) will certainly be a factor in your decision. When you install a door ensure it is up to code and meets the safety features in your area. There are a number of design options you can choose from when it comes to doors, such as whether you would like to use colored, textured or wrought iron glass. There are many types of materials that hand formed bevels come in like black chrome, lead, brass, copper, zinc and antique black. Or maybe you require more light in the entry. Replacing your doors is a cost effective makeover. So go out to the front of your house, take a look at it from the curb - could your entry use a face lift?



Remember, give us a call, we're here to help !

### 5 TIPS TO BRIGHTEN UP YOUR BATHROOM

Your bathroom is more than likely the most visited room in your house. So here are 5 fantastic tips the D-I-Y can do to brighten up your bathroom and make every visit a pleasure and at the same time add value to your home.

**1. Brighten Up the Walls:**

To brighten up the walls a simple paint job is the easiest way to do it. To make it last, use a paint suited for high humidity and do a good job prepping the walls. When choosing colors, don't shy away from bright colors, they can be used to enhance the size of your bathroom.

**2. Replace Waterproof Seals:**

With your walls looking bright and welcoming, it's time to get rid of the old and bring in the new. Over the years the waterproof seals, such as caulking around your bath and sink, collect mould and can loose color. A handy tip is to simply replace them for new ones. Alternatively, a good scrub down with bleach can do the job.

**3. New Lighting:**

Other items to be replaced are the lighting fixtures. The tip here is to use fixtures which match the color and design of your bathroom. It is also important to note that the lights should just be bright enough and not overly bright that it hurts your eyes.

**4. Grab some New Towels:**

Another easy way to brightened your bathroom is to get some new bath towels. Being constantly used, bath towels tend to lose color and fray leaving a dirty look in the bathroom. Simply replace them when they wear and new towels are the quickest and easiest way to decorate your bathroom.

**5. New Bathroom Hardware:**

Lastly, replacing your old worn out hardware is another handy tip. Overtime, bathroom hardware can lose its shiny look and become discolored. To resolve this, new towel rails, robe hooks, shelves, cup holders, doors and other bathroom ware can be installed to make an amazing difference at a low cost.

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#### Did you know...

...A tulip bulb can substitute for an onion in cooking.



#### Did you know...

...Honeybees prefer yellow and blue flowers.

