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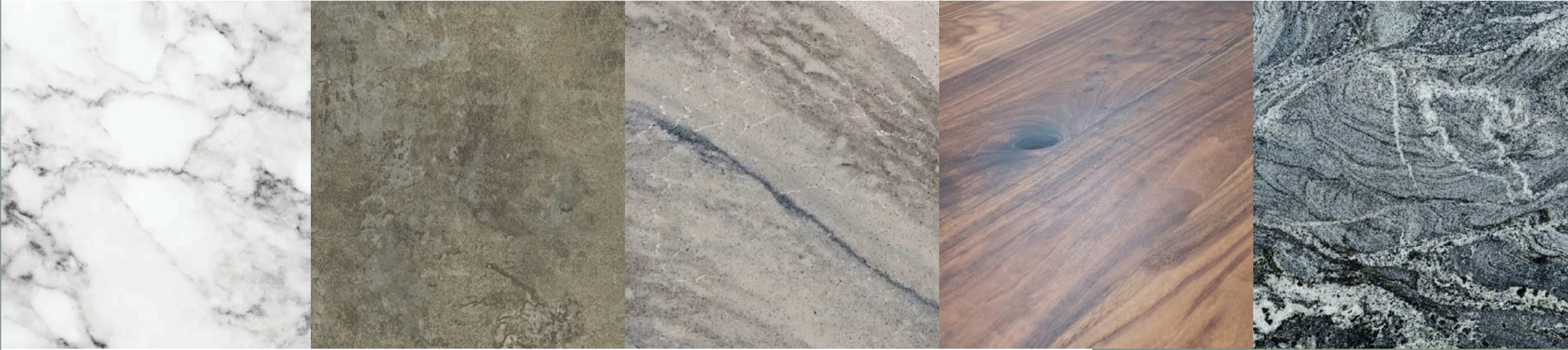


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START THINKING ABOUT HOW TO SAVE ON HEAT COSTS THIS WINTER

Headwinds of rising fuel costs associated with the Iran War will affect Vermonters this year

By SOPHIA KESHMIRI

ADDISON COUNTY — While leaves falling, orange and yellow hues starting to dot the landscape and dropping temperatures signal it's time for sweaters, boots and a hot drink in hand, it's also a reminder that winter, and cranking up the heat, are right around the corner.

"Right around the fall is when we start thinking about heating season. So if folks are in need of or thinking about a heating system to get through this coming winter, now is the time to start thinking about it," said Matthew Smith, public relations specialist for Efficiency Vermont.

The state's energy efficiency utility, which works "with partners throughout Vermont to save customers money, strengthen our state's economy, and lower carbon emissions," per its website, Efficiency Vermont offers numerous educational and financial energy efficiency programs. The organization estimates associated cost savings in the billions and greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the millions.

While the organization is dedicated to helping Vermonters save no matter the season, each year in October it channels resources towards the critical, and expensive, topic of heating homes in winter, through its "Button Up" campaign.

"From low- and no-cost efficiency tips to comprehensive projects designed to reduce heating bills, it's a great way to save money and stay comfortable all winter long," according to the campaign website.

What Vermonters should begin to consider this month?

"Start thinking about what systems would be working for your home," Smith said. "Start talking to contractors. They're starting to get busy this time of year as people are turning on that heating system for the first time and realizing it might need some service. It might not be working the way they remember it last winter."

While heating a home is expensive to begin with, this will be the first full winter that Vermonters face the headwinds of rising fuel costs associated with the Iran War.

"Probably the thing folks are thinking about the most going into this heating season is the cost of heating fuel has gone up significantly," Smith said.

"That's part of a global thing we're seeing with gas prices, heating fuels of all types, whether it's propane, fuel oil, kerosene for folks in mobile or manufactured homes, natural gas, and that's on top of people seeing pressure on electric rates as well."

Here are some of the steps Efficiency Vermont recommends for those looking to save on heat this winter.

DIY Projects

Smith said a number of small do-it-yourself projects, like sealing doors and windows with caulk or weatherstripping, can both make your home more comfortable and knock a few cents off bills.

Another recommendation is installing a "smart" thermostat, which people can

set to automatically lower the temperature when they are at work, sleeping or away.

Both fixes are eligible for rebates through Efficiency Vermont.

Among other tips and tricks, the organization suggests:

- Locking windows
- Putting storm windows down
- Arranging furniture, carpets, drapes and other items so that they don't prevent the flow of warm air into and around a space

- Using less hot water
- Keeping shades open during the day and closed at night to allow heat from the sun to come in and stay in

"A lot of these little things will make your home more comfortable. They're not necessarily going to knock 10% off your heating bill," Smith said.

"These are these are things you can do that will hopefully just make your home less drafty, more comfortable, your heating unit more effective in keeping you comfortable in the winter."

Pricier Projects

Substantial savings can be found through more significant lifts, Smith said.

"When it comes to significantly saving money on your heating bills, that's when you get into bigger projects, something like a comprehensive weatherization

project for your home, or updating the heating system," he noted.

Efficiency Vermont will provide eligible homeowners a hefty rebate for a weatherization upgrade project. Details about eligibility and how to get started can be found tinyurl.com/EFVTrebates.

"This is the kind of project that can really have an impact on energy bills."

Smith noted homeowners who pursue this program end up saving at least \$346 per year, "assuming a home is heated with heating oil (currently among the most common sources of heating fuel in Vermont)."

Smith added, "This calculation does NOT take into account the increased costs for heating fuel we've seen in the last few months. Savings this coming winter could be significantly higher due to the cost of fuel alone."

There are also available rebates for installing heat pumps, which use electricity and can heat a space for significantly less. A full list of Efficiency Vermont rebates — which includes things like \$100 cash back on DIY Weatherization, and a free Virtual Home Energy Visit — can be found tinyurl.com/AirSealRebates. Financing options can be found tinyurl.com/EfficiencyFinancing.

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NOW IS A good time to button up the house for winter, make sure your heating systems are up to snuff, and plug holes between the inside of your castle and the cold outside. Adding insulation to your attic usually gets a big payback in terms of keeping the heat in. Bigger changes like installation of heat pumps require units on the outside (top right) and inside (bottom right) of your house. Even small DIY changes, like caulking around a bulkhead door (bottom left) can save money and improve comfort.



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TOAD HALL FLOWERS in the stone building off Printer’s Alley in Middlebury features a pergola that feels like an outdoor room.

OUR COUNTY NEIGHBORS PRODUCE LOVELY SETTINGS AROUND THEIR HOMES

By ELIZABETH KARNES KEEFE

Every year, the Middlebury Garden Club identifies gardens and roadside attractions worthy of note. They are especially beautiful when viewed from the roadside, often sharing strong visual structure, composition, many with plants that bloom in succession throughout the seasons. They create focal points, seasonal color, and a sense of harmony with the surrounding landscape or in the downtowns.

Here are the six Roadside Attractions for this year.

Toad Hall, Middlebury

Located in the historic Middlebury Marble Works in the ground level of an 1835 stone-walled building, Toad Hall Flowers is a garden and home shop offering floral designs from Peter Cousino’s farm-grown flowers, plants and vintage finds. The shop offers floral arrangements and promotes eco-friendly practices throughout the community.

Peter Cousineau is also the owner of Four Pillars Farm, a guest rental

cottage among 15 acres of gardens, supplying the farmer-florist shop with sustainably grown, English garden-style flowers.

Committed to community engagement and sustainability, the shop offers floral arrangements and promotes eco-friendly practices. Rooted in his love of gardens, decorative arts and garden tending, Toad Hall grew from Peter’s long-standing belief that the way we care for our homes, gardens and gatherings can make life beautiful and meaningful.

This past spring, Peter designed and built an outdoor pergola in order to create a feeling of an outdoor room, functioning as additional space to display home and garden merchandise, plants, and will have a roof for the winter to make the outdoor space for displaying holiday items such as wreaths and perhaps hosting some gatherings such as garden teas.

Downtown Brandon/Café Provence

Some 20 years ago, the raising of a new steeple on the Brandon Baptist Church kickstarted the beautification of downtown

Brandon, now a vibrant village where downtown businesses thrive, and visitors experience a welcoming and attractive town.

The revitalization has transformed Brandon into a beautiful, historically preserved, “Designated Downtown,” featuring flowers, street furniture and trees.

Completed after years of disruptive construction, the Center Street makeover has reshaped the village core with updated traffic flow, new green spaces and floral displays, buried utility lines and modern sidewalks.

Spearheaded by the Downtown Brandon Alliance (a non-profit spin-off of the Chamber of Commerce) an initiative raised funds to create a welcoming path between parks, brick restorations, planters, and public art, pocket gardens, and shaded gathering spaces. A restored town square hosts farmers’ markets, craft fairs, concerts and community celebrations. Updated street lighting, and a reconfigured Central Park link the Civil War monument, bandstand and town fountain.

The Alliance sponsors multiple flower barrels that front businesses

Photos by Elizabeth Karnes Keefe

around downtown. A group plants them each year and business owners are responsible for tending and watering. In addition, a group of gardening enthusiasts have each adopted a garden patch created after the road project, further beautifying the blossoming downtown. Dozens of tulips are planted each year by Nancy Spalding-Ness, who re-plants them every year.

A centerpiece of the downtown is the popular Café Provence French bistro started by Chef Robert Barral. It features hanging baskets of petunias, verbena and lobelia.

The Route 7 (Center Street) project through Brandon was a \$20 million downtown infrastructure and road reconstruction, spanning a 1.852-kilometer stretch through the village center from south of town to north of the Route 73 west intersection, breaking ground in 2017 and eliminating a 90-degree turn near the Brandon Inn. A \$19.7 million federal grant awarded in July 2026 funds the final reconstruction and safety upgrades on the corridor between Brandon and Pittsford.



FLOWERS ARE PLANTED and maintained right up to the edges of some of the sidewalks in downtown Brandon.



ARLINDA AND TIM Wickland have created beautiful gardens at their Weybridge home that include beautiful peonies among many other flowers.

Arlinda & Tim Wickland, Weybridge

Since 1987, Arlinda and Tim Wickland have owned their Weybridge Hill 1902 gable roof vernacular Victorian home with its Queen Anne porch looking over the Weybridge monument. The



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home was built as the parsonage for the 1848 Greek Revival Weybridge Church. There they have planted lovely gardens in front and on the west sloping rolling hillside with glimpse views overlooking fields and the Adirondacks. They have planted trees, shrubs and perennials encompassing four gardens.

Hanging pots adorn the wraparound front porch, along with beds of peonies, allium, iris, roses, Rose of Sharon (*hibiscus syriacus*), phlox, delphinium, hydrangea, bee balm, poppy, geranium, bell flower and more.

Golden Russet Farm, Shoreham

A beloved local garden resource, Will and Judy Stevens started Golden Russet Farm in 1981 in Monkton and moved to Shoreham in 1984. Their daughter Pauline took over management of the farm in 2022 and is now operating it alongside a team of new and returning employees.

Golden Russet grows certified organic vegetables, herbs and cut flowers throughout the summer and fall. Early summer is its

busiest season, with early morning harvesting, bouquet making, weeding, watering and welcoming customers.

“Golden Russet” is a historic American heirloom apple variety known for its crisp, dense flesh, distinctive rough golden-brown russeted skin, and exceptional use in hard cider production.

The Lapham Bay Road farm’s flowers and crops can be found at their weekly farmstand and at the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op. Their greenhouses are open to the public in the spring for people to source plants for their home gardens. They have a large selection of certified organic vegetable and herb starts, hardy perennials and beautiful flowering annuals and hanging baskets. The colorful fields are planted with seasonal blooms.

The family farm combines agriculture, craftsmanship and family life. It is a place where generations work together, and the seasons shape daily routines, and fields of flowers and crops provide both a livelihood and a beautiful connection to the surrounding landscape.

Barbara Simoes, East Middlebury

The Maya practiced an agricultural system mirrored by modern permaculture, notably through forest gardens. While the term “permaculture” was coined in the 1970s, the Maya managed

their tropical ecosystems using polycultures, zero-tillage and multi-layered forests.

Barbara Simoes discovered this ancient approach to gardening during the pandemic, when she watched videos and researched websites that inspired her to engage in self-reliance and the ethics of “earth care” and “fair share” — taking what you need but allowing some to go to wildlife and food banks.

Permaculture is gardens where plants, animals, water and soil work together to create a self-sustaining landscape with minimal waste and maintenance. It focuses on working with nature rather than controlling it, designing a garden to work with nature. The goal is to create a self-sustaining garden that produces food while requiring fewer resources, less maintenance and less chemicals.

Rather than planting a single crop in neat rows, Barbara combines plants, soil, water and beneficial insects to support one another. The system creates sustainable, resilient living spaces mimicking the patterns and diversity found in nature to produce food, conserve resources and a diverse mix of plants. It encourages beneficial insects, birds and wildlife and reduce waste by reusing materials and recycling nutrients.

This embraces a more natural appearance, allowing self-seeding

flowers, meadows and wildlife habitats to flourish rather than maintaining formal beds along with companion planting — different species grown together so they benefit one another by deterring pests, attracting pollinators, improving soil or providing shade.

Using this philosophy, Barbara grows over 50 types of fruits and nuts on her one-acre of land in East Middlebury, different from a typical annual or perennial garden, moving beyond traditional rows, heavy tilling, chemical fertilizers and ornamental landscaping, building healthy soil through composting, mulching, and minimizing disturbance, and collecting and conserving rainwater.

Barbara now weeds less as the drops suppress weeds and feed plants. Her work involves processing, harvesting and pruning in late winter. Her crops include blueberries, raspberries, hardy kiwis, quince, hazelnuts and mulberries — all of which she tries to collect before the morning birds arrive! Her aim is to plant various varieties together, not waste space, and allow the plants to interact, including the understories and flowers to attract bees and to design landscapes so that each element supports the others.

Barbara says that gardening allows her to get in a “zen state” while harvesting, and has also allowed her to learn how to make wine and medicines and approach new art forms such as stained glass and enamel work.

Peddie and Perry combined gardens, Vergennes

Tucked away on a cul-de-sac in downtown Vergennes sits a pair of homes and gardens facing one another, with the border linking the properties of relations Julie and Don Peddie and Lynne and Renny Perry.

A patch of plantings in neatly organized rows contain a variety of seasonal vegetables. Planting, weeding, harvesting and preserving the harvest are shared activities, balancing responsibilities and design with individual preferences while creating a beautiful, abundant landscape. The vegetable bed occupies a sunny area bordering both of the two properties with an expansive lawn unifying the gardens and homes.



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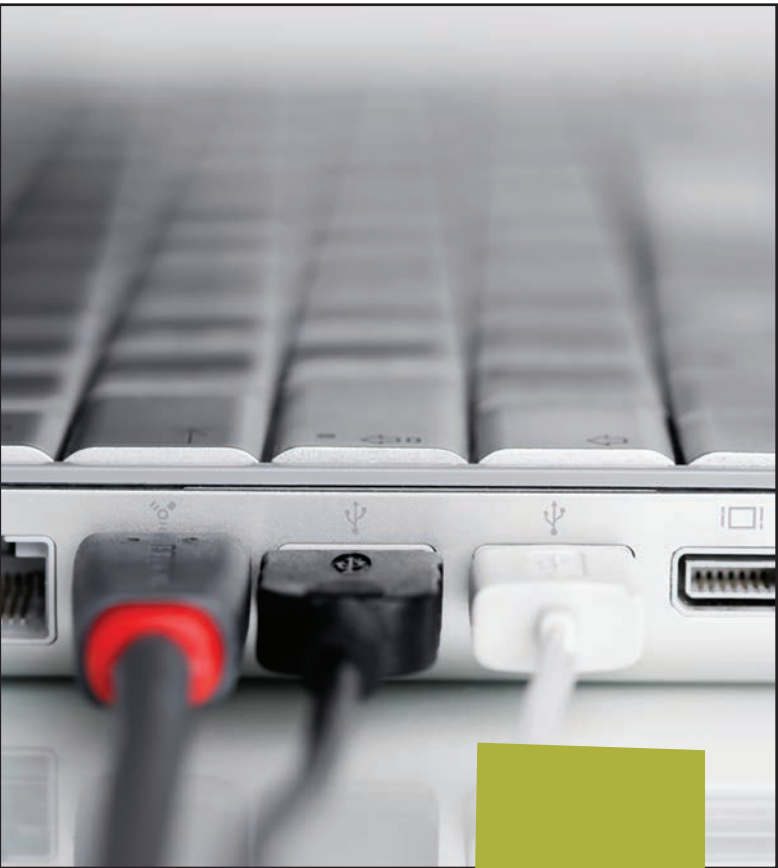
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- **Unplug your device when it is fully charged.** Do not leave it plugged in longer than needed. Leaving a device plugged in too long can increase heat and stress on the battery.
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The aftermath of a storm is a difficult time for individuals whose homes were damaged or lost. Knowing what to do in the aftermath of a storm that damaged or destroyed their homes can start victims on the road to recovery that much sooner.

- Check to confirm everyone is alright. The first step anyone can take after their home is damaged is to confirm everyone is safe. That includes residents of the home as well as neighbors. Check to ensure elderly residents and neighbors or those with mobility issues made it through the storm safely. A 2011 study published in the journal Medical Anthropology found that the greatest mortality during and immediately after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 was among the elderly. The study noted individuals over age 60 accounted for 75 percent of the

bodies found immediately after the

storm.

- Assess and document the damage. Once everyone is safe, assess the damage from a reasonable distance. It's necessary to keep your distance because the property may still be vulnerable to further damage, including collapse. If it's safe to do so, you can then begin to document the damage, utilizing a smartphone to take photos and videos of the property. If it's safe to enter the property, take as many photos and videos of the interior of the home as possible, making sure to upload them to cloud storage soon thereafter. Photos and videos taken immediately after a storm can facilitate the claims process with your insurance provider.

- Contact your insurance provider. If conditions allowed for safe assessment and documentation of the damage, contact your insurance provider to report it and begin the claims process. Chances are many others will be contacting the same provider, so it's best to begin the claims process as soon as possible. It also helps to recognize patience will be necessary. Many insurance providers now allow policy holders to file claims through apps on their mobile phones, and doing so can

be invaluable if tablets, laptops and other devices were damaged or destroyed during the storm.

- Ask your provider what you can do. Insurance policies may only cover damage that occurred during the storm. Post-storm damage, such as water issues that arise because windows or doors were damaged during the storm, may not be covered. That's why it's a good idea for homeowners and others to call their insurance providers and ask what to do to prevent further, potentially uncovered damage.

- Recognize criminals pose a new threat. The Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages survivors to be cognizant of fraudulent schemes that often arise in the aftermath of a storm. Examples of scams include housing inspectors claiming to represent FEMA, fake offers of local or federal aid and fraudulent building contractors. Always ask for identification and do not work with anyone asking for cash in return for assistance.

Knowing what to do in the aftermath of a devastating storm can help survivors get on the road to recovery more quickly.

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JOHN FORGIT OF Creative Home Repair and Painting in Shoreham, above, last week measures a door frame in the former Armstrong house — on Middle Seymour Street, right across from the Amtrak train stop in Middlebury — that he is renovating. Forgit, shown below surveying his work, is gutting the 200-year-old structure and finding some interesting old artifacts, like the partially burned, hand-hewn beam from a barn.

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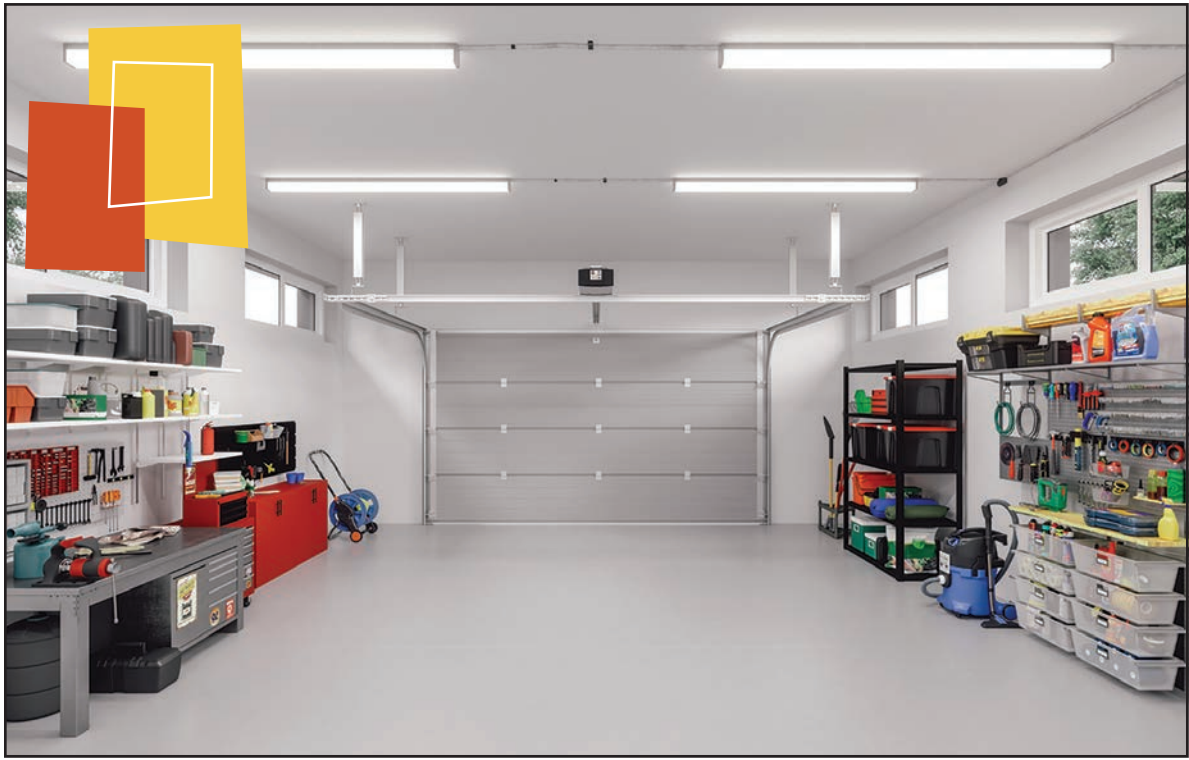
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CONVERTING A GARAGE CAN CREATE MORE LIVING SPACE

A need for more space compels many a homeowner to consider home renovations each year. While some homeowners decide to pull up stakes and move after realizing they need more room to maneuver at home, a real estate market marked by low inventory and high prices has made it more affordable for many property owners to stay put and convert existing spaces.

A garage conversion project is one way for homeowners to create more space in their current properties. Homeowners considering such renovations can benefit from a rundown of what a garage conversion entails and what to expect when the project is completed.

• A new floor will likely be part of the project. Whether you're converting the garage into a living space or simply hoping to make it look nicer as a workshop or artist's studio, the existing floor will likely need to be replaced. Many garages feature concrete flooring, which cracks easily (homeowners considering a garage renovation may already see cracks in an existing floor). When converting a garage, renovation experts will undoubtedly advise replacing the existing floor, and some will recommend polyaspartic floor installation. Various garage

conversion experts note that polyaspartic flooring is ideal for garage spaces because it's durable, resistant to damage that can be caused by chemicals and offers some aesthetic appeal that a concrete floor might not.

• The room will need ventilation and heating and cooling. A garage used for traditional purposes (i.e., parking cars, storing lawn and garden tools, etc.) likely will not be connected to a home's existing HVAC system and may not feature a window that can be opened or closed to allow for fresh air to enter the space. The space will need ventilation and heating and cooling capabilities if it's being converted.

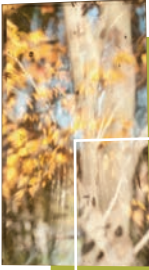
• Location and climate bear consideration, of course. Before going forward with a garage conversion, homeowners should consider where they live and the local climate. If you engage in a lot of outdoor activities like surfing, kayaking and cycling, make sure you determine where items necessary for such activities will be stored if you decide to convert your garage into living spaces. Of course, garage renovation teams can incorporate storage into a design, so homeowners should not hesitate to discuss their lifestyle with contractors to ensure the room accommodates their hobbies after

the conversion is complete.

• Zoning laws may or may not affect the project. Laws vary depending on where homeowners live, so it's impossible to say with certainty if homeowners will or won't run into zoning issues during a project. However, the design of the finished product may offer hints as to any permit-related hurdles homeowners may need to clear. For example, if the garage doors are staying and the space behind those doors is merely being converted with a new floor and other amenities that won't change the look or function of the space, then homeowners may not encounter any permit issues. A need for permits and some restrictions may emerge if garage doors are being replaced by a new wall so the exterior space seamlessly blends in with the rest of the home. Investigate any potential restrictions prior to going forward.

Garage conversions can be a great way to add functional space to a property without building on to an existing home.

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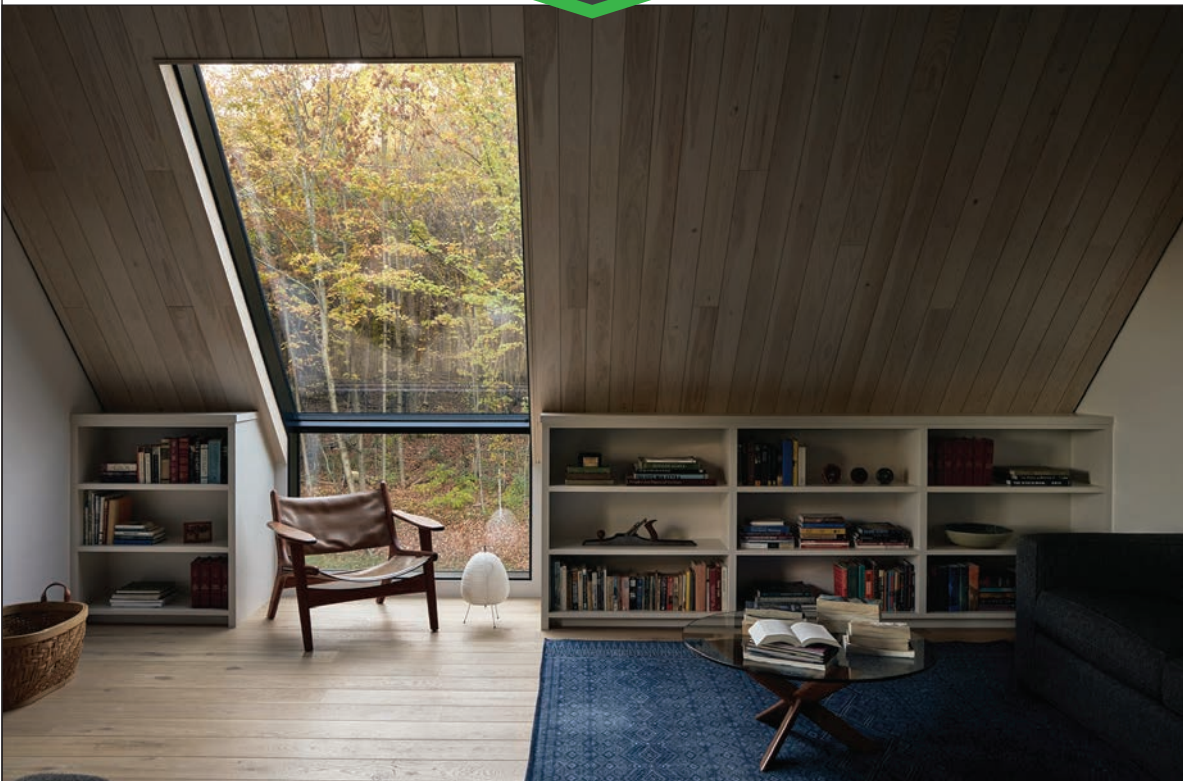
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WHEN SELECTING BULBS for planting this fall, make sure they are free of mold and firm to the touch.
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HOW TO SELECT AND PLANT FLOWER BULBS

By DEBORAH J. BENOIT
UVM Extension Master Gardener

As the gardening season winds down, why not think ahead to spring and plant some early bloomers like crocus (*Crocus*) and daffodils (*Narcissus*)?

Where would you like to see flowers? Fall is a great time to prepare a new garden plot. Even established beds can benefit from a scattering of spring blooming bulbs for early color in the garden before perennials emerge. Clusters of tulips (*Tulipa gesneriana*) could stand boldly on their own. Consider planting snowdrops (*Galanthus nivalis*), Siberian squill (*Scilla siberica*) or grape hyacinths (*Muscari*) under deciduous shrubs or trees where they'll put on a show before the leaves on their larger neighbors unfurl.

Plant early-, mid- and late-season varieties if you'd like a continuous display of flowers week after week. Planting a swath of a single color can make a bold statement, while scattering bulbs across a wider area (such as crocus to naturalize in the lawn) or planting a selection of large, medium and small bulbs together can create a softer, more natural look.

When selecting bulbs, check to be sure no mold is present and that they're firm to the touch. If transplanting bulbs, discard any that are soft or damaged.

If you're planning a new bed for perennials next spring, consider including spring blooming bulbs now while reserving the parts you intend to plant later. In existing beds or near shrubs and trees, dig carefully to avoid disturbing the roots of perennials already growing there. Nestle bulbs between larger roots.

For best results, always refer to the instructions included with whatever bulbs you intend to plant. In general, bulbs should be planted about three times deeper than the height of the bulb. For example, for a 2 inch bulb, dig a hole 6 inches deep, place the bulb pointed side up at the bottom of

the hole, fill with soil, tamp lightly in place, and water.

For a multi-layered effect, combine different sizes and types of bulbs, such as red tulips, grape hyacinths and snowdrops, together like lasagna. Dig a trench deep enough to accommodate the largest type of bulb. Put those bulbs in place and cover with soil to the depth of the next largest bulb. Put each layer in place, and water when the smallest bulbs have been covered with soil.

As a final touch, add a layer of mulch to help retain moisture in the soil. Mulch can help even out winter temperature fluctuations that could cause soil heaves and leave bulbs exposed to the



elements.

Any extra bulbs you have can be forced to bloom indoors this winter. Since most bulbs require a period of cold before blooming, place them in a paper bag in the



BULBS IN THE *Scilla* family, like Siberian squill (*Scilla siberica*) and Glory-of-the-snow (*Scilla forbesii*) pictured here, produce tiny, star- or bell-shaped blooms for early-season color in the garden.
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refrigerator (not the freezer). Large bulbs like daffodils require a longer chilling period (12 to 16 weeks), while small bulbs like snowdrops and grape hyacinth require a shorter time (ten to twelve weeks).

After chilling, plant closely together in a container of potting mix with the tips of the bulbs peeking above the soil. Water and place in a cool location (50 to 60°F). When green leaves emerge, move to a sunny spot and watch as spring arrives early indoors.

Some bulbs—like paperwhite narcissus (*Narcissus papyraceus*) and freesia (*Freesia*)—don't require cold before blooming. Simply place bulbs in a paper bag and store in a cool, dry location until you're ready to plant indoors this winter.

For answers to your home gardening questions, contact the University of Vermont Extension Master Gardeners Helpline online (go.uvm.edu/gardeninghelpline) or by phone at 802-656-5421 on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. between April and October.

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PLANTING A COMBINATION of tulip, daffodil and hyacinth bulbs can add early spring color to your garden.

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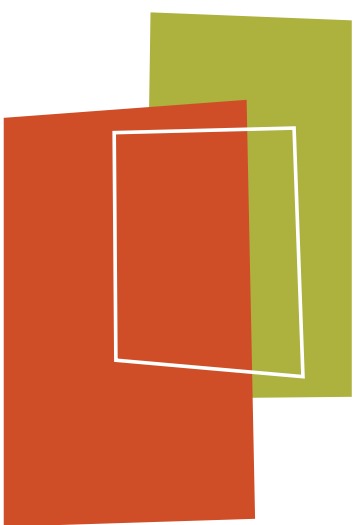
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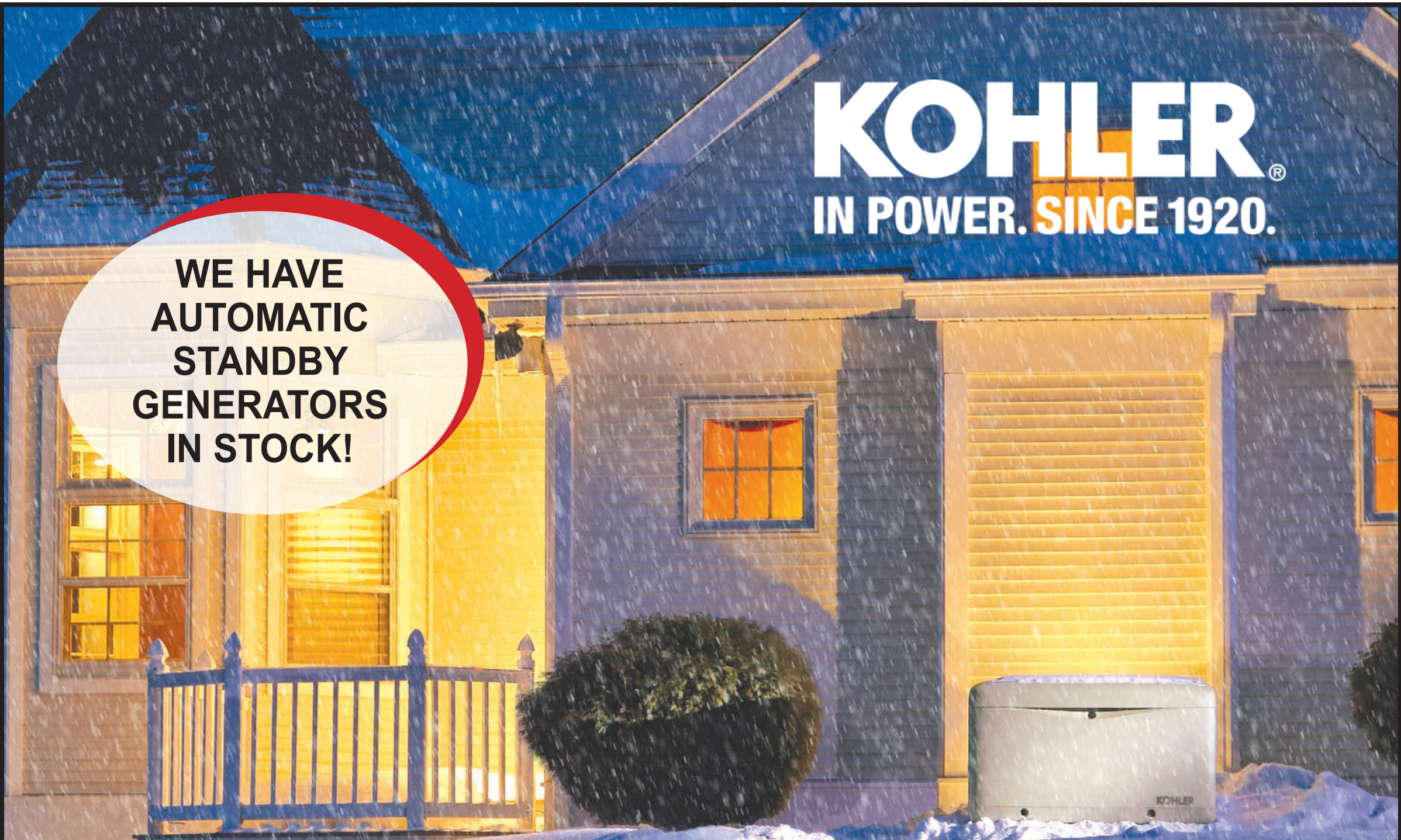
ROUND OF WORK

REPLACING THE SIDING on the round turret of this 19th-century home on Seymour Street in Middlebury, left, takes some extra care. Last week, Nick Grant of Polli Construction of South Burlington, right, marks some of the composite siding that has to be bent to the curve of the wall, and, below, screws it into place. The place is getting new siding, updated woodwork and a fresh coat of paint.

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LEARN TO IDENTIFY IF YOU HAVE A MOLD PROBLEM

Homeowners know the work related to their homes is never done. Tasks ranging from routine maintenance to minor tweaks to large projects are part of homeownership.

Some of the work related to a home focuses on functionality, while other tasks might be all about aesthetic appeal. Potential health concerns related to a home also merit homeowners' attention. Mold is one such issue. Though it's impossible to pinpoint how much mold poses a health problem to a home's inhabitants, it's fair to suggest homeowners feel that no mold is ideal. According to the New York State Department of Health, exposure to indoor mold can cause nasal and sinus congestion; eye irritation marked by itchy, red and watery eyes; wheezing and difficulty breathing; cough and other types of throat irritation; skin irritation, including rash; and headache.

The potentially harmful consequences of a mold infestation inside a home underscore how important it can be for homeowners to learn to identify when they have a mold issue at home.

- Learn what mold looks like. Mold patches increase in size the longer an infestation goes unchecked, so it might be easier to stop an issue after it's been around awhile. The NYSDOH notes that mold typically appears as fuzzy patches that may be discolored or even slimy.
- Recognize that mold also can be malodorous. Mold produces a distinct musty smell that is often the first symptom people recognize when they have an infestation at home. If a musty smell is present in a room, try to follow it to its source. That may involve some trial and error, as mold can grow behind and even underneath surfaces, including carpets, wallpaper and cabinets. Mold also can grow behind walls, a situation that may necessitate working with a remediation professional.
- Know where to look. Though mold can grow anywhere in a home, certain areas in a home are more vulnerable to an infestation than others. Rooms affected by moisture are susceptible to mold growth. In bathrooms, mold may grow around sinks, shower stalls and curtains, and tiles. In kitchens, mold can grow on tiles and even on the seal around a refrigerator door. Mold also can grow on and around window air conditioner units.

The NYSDOH notes that certain people may be more vulnerable to mold-related health problems than others. Such individuals include people with existing respiratory conditions and those with compromised immune systems. Homeowners can prioritize safeguarding their homes from mold infestations and, when necessary, work with remediation professionals to eliminate existing issues and reduce infestation risks going forward.

Protecting a home against a mold infestation is a simple yet important task homeowners can look to in an effort to keep their homes safe and healthy.

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MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE

EMMERSON AYER OF Hinesburg measures the deck for siding he is replacing on the porch of an old house on Seymour Street in Middlebury late last month. He cut the planks to length, secured them to the wall, and caulked the ends.

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15 SIMPLE FALL PROJECTS

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Don't let winter weather delay you until spring. Pick a couple of these DIY projects and finish them before Thanksgiving. It could protect your home, improve its appearance, and save you money.

1. Clean your gutters
2. Drain and store your garden hoses
3. Inspect your roof from the ground
4. Seal windows and doors with caulk or weatherstripping
5. Clean your ceiling fans and reverse the direction it spins
6. Organize your garage
7. Change the filters in your furnace and heat pumps
8. Clean your lawn mower and other outdoor tools before packing them away for winter
9. Clean your woodstove or fireplace
10. Empty the rain barrel
11. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
12. Flush your water heater
13. Check your attic insulation and ventilation
14. Power wash outside walls and decks
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It's not too soon to start thinking about the December holidays. Decorating the exterior of a home for the holiday season is a beloved tradition in countless households. In the movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," Clark Griswold had "250 strands of imported Italian twinkle lights," each with 100 bulbs per strand. His grand total of 25,000 lights caused a temporary blackout. While driving around to take in holiday lighting displays, many people may see some that emulate Clark Griswold's vision and be inspired to create their own designs.

Lights are just one type of home decoration. Wreaths, inflatables, metal or wooden structures, and much more are part of holiday displays as well. While decorating can be fun and festive, it's also important to ensure that it is done safely. The following tips, courtesy of Travelers Risk Consultants and Meyer Landscaping & Design, can keep family and friends safe during this wonderful time of year.

- Plan ahead. Determine how many

electrical outlets you have and plan the display around the accessibility of those outlets. Be sure to calculate the maximum amount of wattage allowed so you do not overload the electrical system. Never exceed the maximum number of strings or devices that may be linked together. Lighting packaging should provide such information. Also, plug all outdoor lights and decorations into ground-fault circuit interrupters to reduce the risk of electric shock.

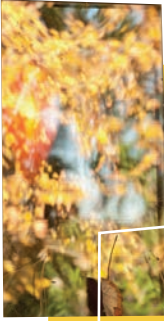
- Test the lights. Only purchase lights that have been tested for safety. Look for a certification mark from UL, ETL, CSA, or another nationally recognized laboratory.
- Go with LED. Light emitting diode string lights run cooler, last longer and use less energy than incandescent lights.
- Inspect decorations. Make sure all the lights, electrical cords, lighted holiday decor, and inflatables are in good condition before use. Dispose of anything that has frayed wiring or is broken.
- Use only outdoor-rated products. Be sure the extension cords and

any other products are rated for the outdoors. Electrical connections should be kept clean and dry before plugging things in, and an extra step of wrapping plug connections with electrical tape can further reduce moisture.

- Practice ladder safety. Ladders are often utilized when adding lights or other decor to homes. Always be safe on and around ladders. It's essential to maintain three points of contact while on the ladder. Don't risk leaning too hard to one side while on the ladder, and always have a spotter. Use wooden or fiberglass ladders when stringing electrical decor and lights, as metal ladders conduct electricity.
- Identify where power lines are located. Be mindful of power lines when decorating outdoors. Keep oneself and decorations at least 10 feet away from power lines.
- Skip staples and nails. Nails and staples should not be used when decorating. Nails and staples can puncture the protective layers of a home, allowing moisture to get in and break down the structure of the home. A nail or staple also may accidentally puncture an electrical cord, increasing the risk of electrocution. Use hooks and other attachment devices specially designed for holiday decor.
- Avoid items that can contribute to roof damage. Heavy items on the roof can cause unnecessary stress to shingles and result in damage. Only use lightweight and appropriately anchored items on the roof.
- Dress appropriately. Before hanging holiday decorations and lights, assess the conditions and wear the proper clothing for the weather. If the weather is especially rough, skip decorating for a safer day.

Decorating safety is of the utmost importance and should be a priority this holiday season.

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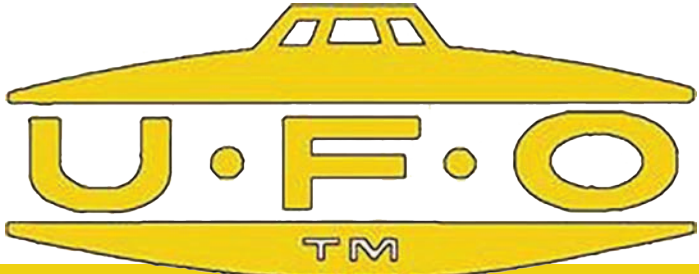
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