

# HOME REMODELING

Are you thinking about remodeling your home? There are some very important things to consider before you decide to take on any remodeling project.

## 1 How long do you plan on staying in your home?

If you plan on staying in the home for a long time, the more unique you can be with your remodel. If you think you'll only be in the home a few more years, you'll need to think about the future homeowner when you make your product choices. Permanent fixtures such as tile and surfaces should feature neutral colors.

## 2 What kind of remodel are you doing? Are you ready for a major overhaul, or do you want to make some cosmetic changes? Cosmetic changes can actually go a long way when you are trying to make improvements to an outdated room, but you do want to keep in mind future updates you may want to do.

## 3 Do you really know what you are getting into?

The hardest part about remodeling is the time it takes to get the project completed. You should be realistic about how long your project will take. Some projects may only take a few weeks, but a complete remodel may take months. Make sure you are able to be without a particular room for a period of time.

## 4 Are you staying true to the style of your home?

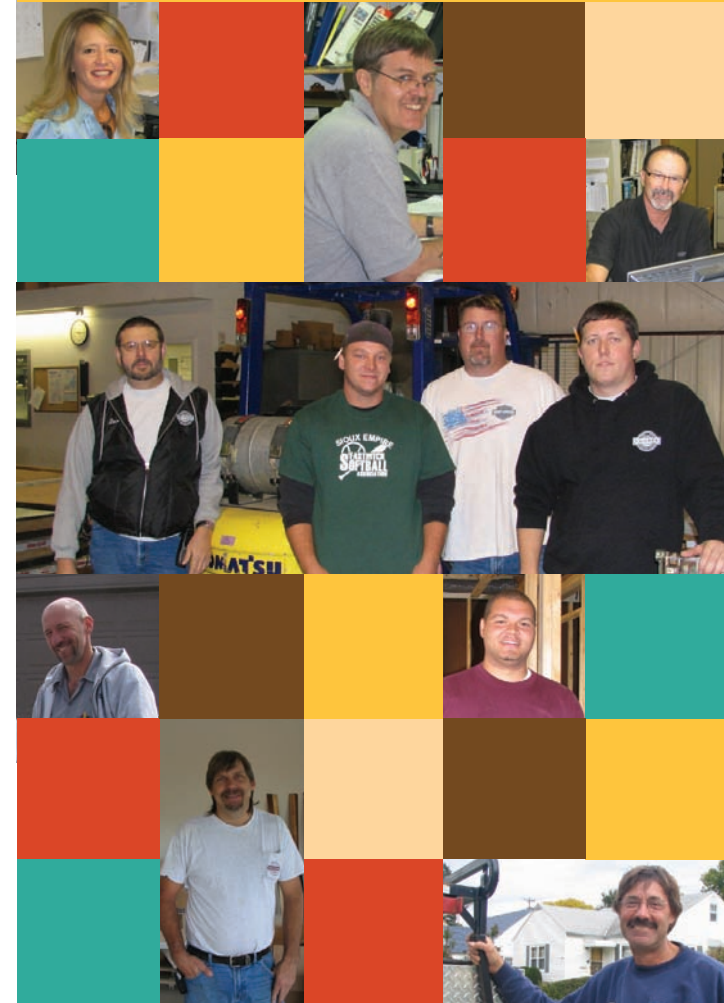
When you take on any remodeling project you should consider the style of the rest of your home. If your home is an old house with lots of character, don't remodel one room very contemporary. That hurts the flow of the house, and it could scare off potential buyers in the future if you ever decide to sell.

## 5 Can I take on this remodel myself? If you are capable and have the time, you can save money on the project. Frisbees Showroom is a great resource if you are remodeling! We understand the building process from start to finish, and we can help you with all your Plumbing, Heating/A/C and Electrical needs.

If you feel like you need a professional to take on your remodel, we are a great resource for that too. We work with a lot of contractors and would be more than happy to recommend one that is reliable and capable of taking on your remodel.



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# IN THE KITCHEN

## Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Dip



- 1 pkg. 8oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- 2 Tbs. brown sugar
- 3/4 cup confectioners sugar
- 3/4 cup mini chocolate chips
- Pretzels or Graham Cracker Sticks

Beat softened cream cheese, butter, & vanilla until creamy. Slowly add sugars until blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Place mixture into refrigerator, and chill for at least 1 hour before serving. You can also place mixture onto a piece of plastic wrap and form into a ball. This recipe is always a crowd favorite!

## DID YOU KNOW...

- According to ENERGY STAR®, if just one homeowner in 10 installs an energy star HVAC system, the result would be a reduction of more than 17 billion pounds of air pollution.
- Kitchen and bathroom fans can remove cool air of an entire house in just one hour. Use your kitchen and bathroom fans sparingly during the summer or when your air conditioning is running.
- Recycling a ton of paper saves three cubic yards of landfill space and saves: 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water & 4,000 kilowatt-hours of energy.
- Heat will shorten a light bulb's life, so you should avoid small, tight fixtures, which prevent heat from dissipating.
- A hot water faucet that leaks one drop per second can add up to 165 gallons a month. That's more than one person uses in two weeks.

## HELPFUL TIPS

Don't forget to check your furnace filter this summer! Most central air conditioners utilize the same filter, fan and ductwork as the furnace to circulate cool air throughout your home. We recommend you check it every 3 months.

## ASK THE EXPERTS

**Q.** How can we improve the efficiency of an existing cooling system without replacing the air conditioning system?

**A.** The best way to make an existing air conditioning system more efficient without changing out equipment is to have it properly maintained. Equipment that is running with an improper refrigerant charge will run longer to satisfy cooling targets. Dirty condenser coils will prevent efficient heat exchange, which forces your compressor to use more electricity. Properly maintained equipment will reduce your energy bills.

At Frisbees, we have the **Auto Recall Program** to help keep your system running properly. Sign up for Auto Recall and get a no obligation reminder call in the spring and fall when it's time for your system's annual maintenance check up. We'll schedule a seasonal inspection with one of our experienced technicians, and you'll get an automatic \$10 off your spring and fall seasonal checks as a member. Fill out the form provided to become a member today! You can also sign up on our "Contact Us" page on [frisbeesinc.com](http://frisbeesinc.com)

Remember if you have a question for our experts, e-mail your question to [rhondai@frisbeesinc.com](mailto:rhondai@frisbeesinc.com).

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## GREAT WAYS TO KEEP YOUR COOL & SAVE MONEY



When the temperatures rise, follow these simple steps to help cut your energy costs.

**Use Proper Ventilation** - If it's not too hot, ventilate your home at night by opening windows or using fans. Close the doors to corresponding room vents so there's less space to cool or heat in unused rooms.

**Schedule Annual Checks** - One step to control energy costs is to get maintenance checks on your air conditioner to make sure it is running efficiently.

**Install A Programmable Thermostat** - Programmable thermostats can make a big difference in energy consumption. These thermostats deliver maximum comfort, efficiency and energy savings.

**Keep TVs And Lamps Away From The Thermostat** - Heat generated from appliances and electronics can cause your air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

**Delay Heat-Producing Activities** - Try to shift energy-intensive tasks, such as dish washing

and laundry, to evening hours as opposed to the heat of the day when your cooling system relies most on electricity.

**Install A Ceiling Fan** - Air movement from the fan evaporates moisture on the skin and makes a person feel cooler. With this cooling effect, most people can raise their thermostat and feel just as comfortable. For every degree you raise the air conditioner thermostat above 78 degrees, you can save 3-5% on cooling costs.