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# What are some snow day home improvement projects?



Looking for some snow day projects to improve your home? Whether it is for your benefit or for the future marketability of your home, snow days are a great way to get some improvements accomplished. When others are making a mad dash for the grocery store for bread, eggs and milk prior to a predicted storm, you should head to the home improvement store to stock up on materials. The lines are shorter and the long-term payoff is greater.

Start with the task that will give you the greatest feeling of

accomplishment. If you feel proud and happy about the job that you have completed, it will give you the motivation to continue checking items off your list.

Here are a few ideas to keep you busy during those harsh winter days:

- » Clean and seal grout to brighten up the kitchen floor and the bathroom walls and floor.
- » Change kitchen cabinetry hardware for a more updated look.
- » Swap out doorknobs.
- » Clean out and organize closets.

If you hurry, you can also get a tax deduction on your 2016 returns for anything that you donate before the end of the year.

- » Clean out and organize kitchen cabinets, pantry and closets. You would be surprised what is in the back of your pantry that has passed the expiration date.
- » Hang a new light fixture or two.
- » Keep a gallon or two of paint on hand and freshen up a room or simply freshen the trim paint.
- » Clean ceiling fan blades.
- » Hang a new piece of art or mirror.

- » Change air and water filters.
- » Renew your hardwood floors using touch up pens that match the color. There are also liquids available that refresh the finish of your floors at home improvement stores.

Buy some home décor magazines now to get ideas for redecorating a room or two. Moving furniture around or trying furniture from a different room is also an inexpensive way to liven things up a bit.

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