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What are some projects to do on rainy summer days?



The dog days of summer are finally upon us! Remember those days not that long ago when we were all complaining about the cold weather? If you are looking to stay inside with the air conditioning during a rainy day, here are some project ideas to improve your home. Whether it is for your personal enjoyment or for the future marketability of your home, rainy days are a great time to get some projects accomplished.

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 rainy 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 door knobs.
- » Clean out and organize closets. You can also get a tax deduction for anything that you donate to charity!
- » 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.

» If you want a larger project, you may want to consider taking down any paneling or popcorn ceilings. » Buy some home décor magazines 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 spruce things up a bit.

Most of all, have fun and enjoy the time you spend making your house a home for you and your family!

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