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to reduce your home energy costs this fall



(BPT) - As temperatures begin dropping this fall, you may be worrying about rising energy costs. Fortunately, there are a number of simple, proactive steps you can take that will save on energy and expenses for your home - while also increasing comfort - today and well into the future. On top of that, you will also be helping to increase the value of your home with these effective energy-saving measures.

Consider these 5 steps to help your home become more energy-efficient.

1. GIVE YOUR FURNACE OR BOILER A CHECKUP

Get in the habit of having your furnace or boiler professionally tuned up and cleaned at least once a year,

ideally just before the weather starts turning colder. Just as you perform regular maintenance on your vehicle, make sure your entire HVAC system is in top condition - and replace your furnace filter at least every 90 days - to help your HVAC system run more efficiently. This will reduce your utility bills over time, while keeping you and your family warmer.

2. GO TANKLESS

Looking for a great way to cut down on energy usage and also ensure more consistent access to hot water? Upgrading to a tankless water heater will save on energy and expenses compared to a traditional water heater. For example, Noritz EZ Series high-efficiency, condensing tankless water heaters are engineered to replace larger, conventional ATTIC storage tank-type units, cutting both installation time and costs substantially. The wall-hung technology also has zero

home, which is a great space saver for smaller homes or if you just need more areas for storage. Tankless water heaters efficiently provide continuous hot water - meaning no more cold showers - along with big energy savings. In addition, tankless water heaters like the Noritz EZ Series also result in reduced carbon emissions and have a longer life expectancy than traditional models. Tankless water heaters use top-mounted water connections, avoiding the need for additional and costly plumbing. Even better, you can often find moneysaving rebate programs from your local gas utility for your new tankless water heater that will help cut the installed cost even more.

3. INSULATE YOUR

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heated air through your roof every winter. Lack of good attic insulation can also lead to damage from ice buildup, which is costly to repair. If you own an older home, it's a good idea to have your attic inspected for insulation before winter sets in. And while older homes are the least likely to have properly insulated attics, even if you have a newer home it's worth having a professional check to see if your attic is under-insulated. This can make a big difference when it comes to heating costs.

4. MAKE YOUR THERMOSTAT PROGRAMMABLE

If it's been a while since you upgraded your thermostat, you may be surprised at what new programmable thermostats can do to help keep your home comfortable while also saving on utility bills. The latest models provide much better fine tuning when setting your thermostat, allowing better control of the energy you're using to heat (or cool) your home. You can make sure you're not overheating your house when you're asleep or not at home. Traveling or on vacation? New smart thermostats allow

you to adjust your home's thermostat controls remotely, using your phone or another electronic device.

5. CHECK FOR LEAKS

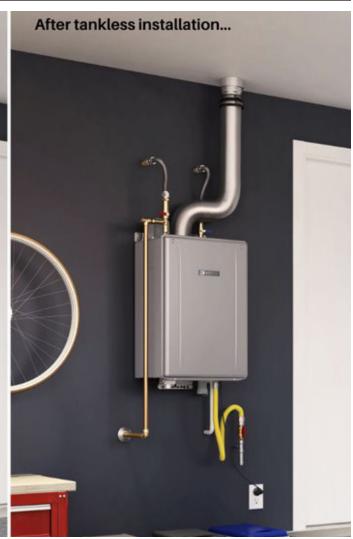
Every year, homeowners lose a lot of heated (or cooled) air through leaks around areas like windows, doors and chimneys. Inspecting your home for leaks can alert you to spots where you may need to improve caulking, flashing or weather-stripping for a fairly low-cost fix. For a longerterm solution, you may want to consider replacing older, less energyefficient windows and doors with new ones. For help finding leaks, call your utility company. Many provide energy audits to help customers locate trouble spots

By taking a few of these proactive steps, you can help your family stay cozy and comfortable all winter, while also helping to save energy throughout your home and protect your budget.

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(BPT) - The kitchen is a space that should be enjoyed for both its beautiful design and its effortless functionality. To bring form and function to life in the kitchen, and create a truly refined aesthetic, use streamlined elements and adaptable design. Combined, these choices will come together in the heart of the home to achieve a cohesive, unified room.

CENTER OF THE HOME

Elevate the kitchen by incorporating components from throughout the home, such as color FOCUS ON scheme, pattern or natural features like wood, into the area for a unified feel. Add layered colors of a like palette, seamless finishes and other subtle details to create an integrated look that truly makes the kitchen the epicenter of the home. While the kitchen has its own

unique elements that distinguish the space, tasteful design is the through line that brings the home together.

STYLE AND **FUNCTION**

To create an area that is as purposefully designed as it is visually exquisite, focus on clean, simple, functional details for inspiration. Lean into style and select enhancements that are as high-performing

as they are beautiful to create a practical, yet elegantly balanced plan. Start by selecting a focal point within the kitchen that perfectly pairs artistic design with the pragmatism needed for cooking.

The Odin® Semi-

Professional Kitchen Faucet by Brizo®, inspired by Scandinavian design, embodies diversity through its offering of seven distinct finishes - from Polished Chrome to Matte Black. The faucet is a strong centerpiece that can be paired with and enhance other design elements throughout the kitchen. The streamlined silhouette is further customizable with the choice between a metal or a unique wood lever handle. The Odin® Kitchen Collection and Semi-Professional Kitchen Faucet brings together style and tailored culinary performance. The collection exemplifies distinction while simultaneously blending simplicity and functionality.



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ENDLESS ADAPTA-TION

Unparalleled customization within fixtures means both form and practicality are captured - from finishes to technologies. Integrate innovation within the kitchen through fixture selection to create a cohesive aesthetic that is also highly efficient and personal..

A prime example of this is avail-

able with optional MagneDock®, SmartTouch® and VoiceIO™ Technologies, the Odin® Semi-Professional Kitchen Faucet which can create an adaptable and personalized experience. The graceful faucet arm rotates 360 degrees for a full range of motion and includes an innovative two-function wand with spray and stream options to create a convenient kitchen sink experience.

STRIKING MINIMALISM

Find the middle ground between simplicity and complexity by taking cues from the Swedish philosophy of Lagom, which translates to "not too much, not too little". Focus on moderation and removing extraneous features to strike a balance between elevated detail and minimalist design, for an exquisite space that performs as well as it looks.



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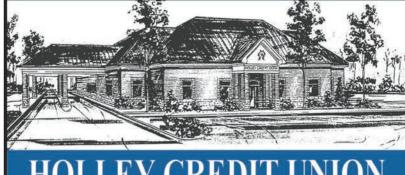
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(BPT) - If you love entertaining friends and family outdoors, you're not alone. Transforming outdoor areas into extended living spaces continues to be a huge trend, as anything and everything from smaller balconies to spacious porches and patios creates an opportunity to expand your home environment well into the evening hours with one crucial design element: lighting.

Lighting an outdoor space can make a world of difference in creating ambience, lending additional functionality to a space or improving aesthetics within a space - making or breaking an evening barbecue, party or intimate gathering. Luckily, lighting choices are one of the most affordable ways you can enhance any area of your home, and outdoors is no exception. Even

small changes like swapping your light bulbs creates the perfect opportunity to have some fun and express your personality with different colors and design styles.

"Most homeown-

ers don't appreciate the power of stylish yet functional light bulbs to make a design statement both inside and out," said Bethany Wood, senior merchant of light bulbs at The Home Depot. "The Home Depot's exclusive light bulb brand EcoSmart was designed to inspire DIYers to create better, brighter room atmospheres. It's important to choose light bulb features unique to your lifestyle that'll also allow you to customize your space, from switching through shades of light to match your mood, saving on energy bills with automatic on/off, helping you





complete a task or creating your ideal ambience."

Here are some easy and affordable ways to transform your outdoor areas for effortless warm-weather entertaining.

1. GET THE **PARTY STARTED**

To create an upbeat mood, nothing is more fun and festive than bright, vibrant colors, so consider upgrading your entertaining space with a Color **Changing Party** LED Light Bulb from The Home Depot. You'll bring any indoor occasion to life using red, green, blue and selectable lightyellow light, with five lighting effect options to choose from. EcoSmart light bulbs are

equipped with user-friendly and innovative features, meaning you can easily switch between colors using a toggle on each bulb or conveniently cycle between colors with the simple flip of a standard wall switch.

2. PUMP UP THE JAM

A party atmosphere isn't complete without music. Set the tone for an exciting night with your guests and keep them dancing or singing all night long with a Bluetooth Speaker LED Light Bulb. This EcoSmart bulb combines color ing with Bluetooth technology. Simply connect to your favorite Bluetooth device, without the

need for any extra

3. **GO VINTAGE**

Everything vintage

and retro style is all the rage right now, but it's not always easy to create the look and be practical at the same time. One fun option is to use strands of Edison bulbs to give your deck or patio a "bistro" atmosphere. Or if you want a more intimate old-fashioned look, illuminate the night with the warm glow of **EcoSmart Flame** LED Light Bulbs, which create an alluring ambience by simulating a warm and realistic flickering flame effect without emitting any heat. Better yet, you won't have to worry about the

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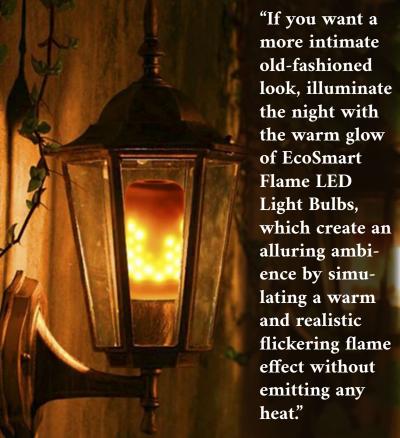
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You can set up your backyard for all kinds of entertaining with these and many other selections by exploring the wide variety of innovative features and the latest lighting options from EcoSmart. Whether your plans include hosting backyard barbecues or creating a refreshing outdoor oasis, lighting up your space has never been easier.





How design features can bring simplicity serenity to the bath

(BPT) - During stressful times, the home can become a sanctuary. From soothing color palettes that evoke a sense of calm to high-tech features that make daily tasks feel a bit less strenuous, design choices are crucial in curating serene spaces. This is especially true in the bathroom - the room where people escape to cleanse and recharge.

REFINED ELEGANCE

Elegant design does not require over-the-top stylistic features. Instead, focus on elements that are beautifully understated. Create a refined aesthetic that combines clean long day. Curated lines and curves with luxurious materials and finishes to achieve an unas-

suming, timeless space. To bring this style to the bathroom, a space that should feel and look fresh, make deliberate design choices by removing features that distract from the beauty of the space. There is power in simplicity; an alluring force that can elevate any room.

SERENE SANCTUARY

The bathroom is a place of livable serenity within the home. Regardless of the size of the space, it is important to create the feeling of openness, which will truly transform it into "the spot" to come back to and to relax in after a style choices, such as a light color palette, soft-textured accent pieces like

plush towels and wood features or other organic elements, create the feeling of airiness akin to the serene design found in spas.

Water plays a key role in the bathroom, and fixtures that are both purposeful and elegant should serve as the pathway to bring this natural element to life in the room.

Showcase water as a design element by selecting faucets and fixtures that bring the design and details of the space together in a harmonious fashion. Create a sanctuary that perfectly captures the intrigue of minimalism. Incorporate the smooth contours and sleek aesthetic of the Allaria™ Bath Collection by Brizo®, offering effortless

beauty and unparalleled craftsmanship. The collection transforms simple forms into functional works of art. By combining curved geometric shapes with striking split finishes, the fixtures achieve a look of soft modernism.

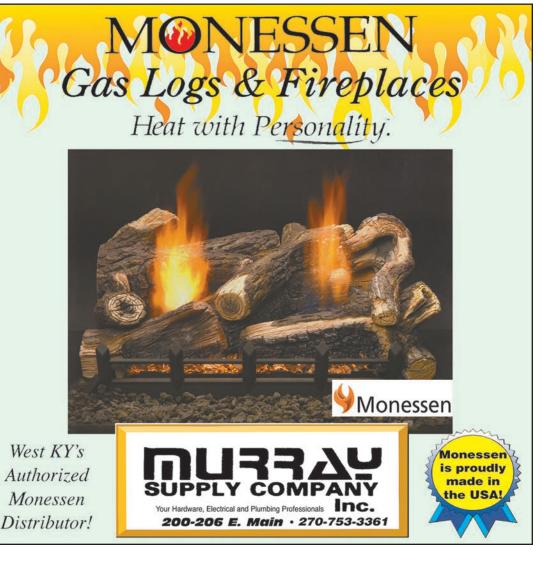
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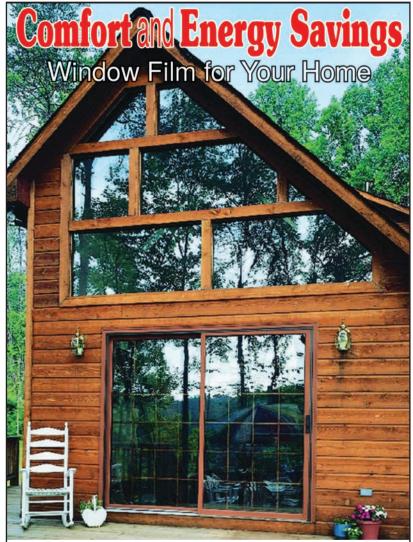
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functional components found in the bathroom are no different. Further tailor a space by selecting specific, exclusive finishes. The AllariaTM Bath Collection debuts three irresistible split finishes, including Brilliance®

Black Onyx/Matte Black, Polished Chrome/Clear and Brilliance® Luxe Gold®/Clear, to bring further distinction to design and unique personalization. The collection provides an added layer of customization through the pairing of finishes with the new clear handles, ultimately creating a smooth look.

Another way to achieve a personalized bathroom experience is by selecting versatile

technologies that will effortlessly enhance the bathroom and allow for a heightened sense of luxury. From steam showers to warming towel racks, convenient innovation takes the place of extraneous features, fashioning a truly unique environment. H2Okinetic® Technology is available on a variety of shower components within the AllariaTM collection, to create an indulgent shower experience. Powered by groundbreaking design that harnesses the natural energy of water, the technology directs water through specially engineered chambers in the shower head to create a luxurious spray.



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(Family Features) Not all great things come in big packages, and home upgrades are an example of the truth in this wisdom. Un- it open and invitexpected, smaller spaces may not get the same attention as high-traffic areas like kitchens, bathrooms and living areas, but their impact can be just as powerful.

Get inspired to make improvements to the lesserused areas of your home with these tips from the home decorating experts at Wellborn Cabinet. Inc.:

ENTRYWAY

It's the impression that welcomes

guests into your home, so even if the space is small, your entryway warrants some TLC. Focus on making ing by removing any unnecessary furnishings. Some functional storage, like a bench with integrated coat hooks, can serve a practical purpose, and if you have the space, some builtin cabinetry with an eye-catching countertop can incorporate stylish storage.

LAUNDRY ROOM

Getting motivated to do chores like laundry is easy when you have a

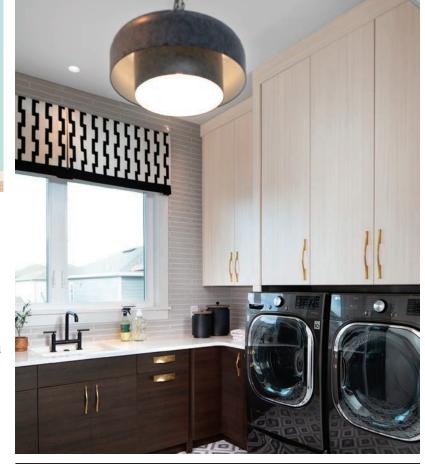
beautiful setting for getting to work. Introducing pops of color in nontraditional places, like the cabinetry, adds a high-end elegance. Waterinspired and earthy hues like Midtown Matte Tidewater or Arcadia Chiffon Cypress are perfect for the laundry space. Both are options in Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.'s Aspire Series, which features concealed hinges with selfclose functionality and matching interiors for a highclass look, even when the doors are open for business.

CLOSET

A cluttered closet may not be the

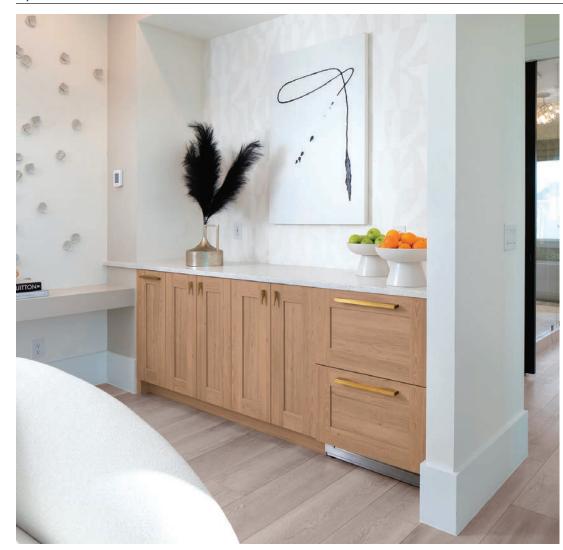
first thing a guest notices, but it's a space you visit daily. Improving the organizational features can streamline your morning routine and put you in a more positive frame of mind to start each day.

There's no right or wrong when it comes to closet design, but using cabinetry in place of open shelving and rods lends a more luxurious and organzied feel. Plan for adequate hanging and closed storage, and if space allows, be sure to plan for shoes and accessories since these items can easily contribute to a closet's disarray and clutteredness.









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PANTRY

Guests may not find themselves in your pantry very often, but you likely use this space every day. Transform your pantry for heightened utility in simple ways like using clear plastic bins for small boxed foods or stylish wicker baskets to hide away snacks. For a more permanent

solution, take advantage of unused space on the back of the pantry door with thin shelves for items like seasoning packets and smaller canned goods.

GUEST BATHROOM

Swapping out a tired vanity and countertop is a relatively affordable upgrade that can completely change the style of a secondary bathroom. Be sure to also update the fixtures for a more contemporary look and, if budget allows, replace the flooring.

Finish the project with a fresh coat of paint in a light, airy shade and add new textiles and a few decorative touches to complete the job. Find more ideas for updating unexpected spaces in your home at Wellborn. com.

HIDEAWAY STORAGE SPACES

One feature that enhances virtually any space is more storage. Having convenient places to tuck away all your stuff makes rooms feel more open and inviting. Hidden storage solutions are often better because you can enjoy the functionality they add to the space without interrupting your design aesthetic.

Here are some clever ideas for keeping necessary items tucked out of sight but within easy reach:

BUILT-IN STEP STOOL:

If you love the look of tall cabinets but struggle to reach the top shelves, a practical addition is a hidden step ladder in a pullout caddy. Specially designed ladders that fold down extra narrow and feature nonslip rubber treads make this a handy addi-



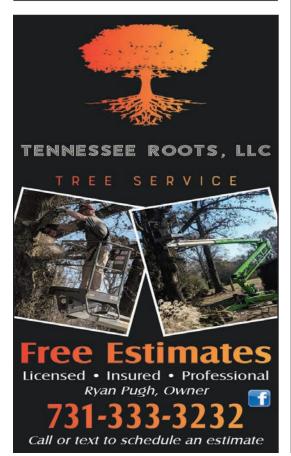
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DRAWER DIVIDERS:

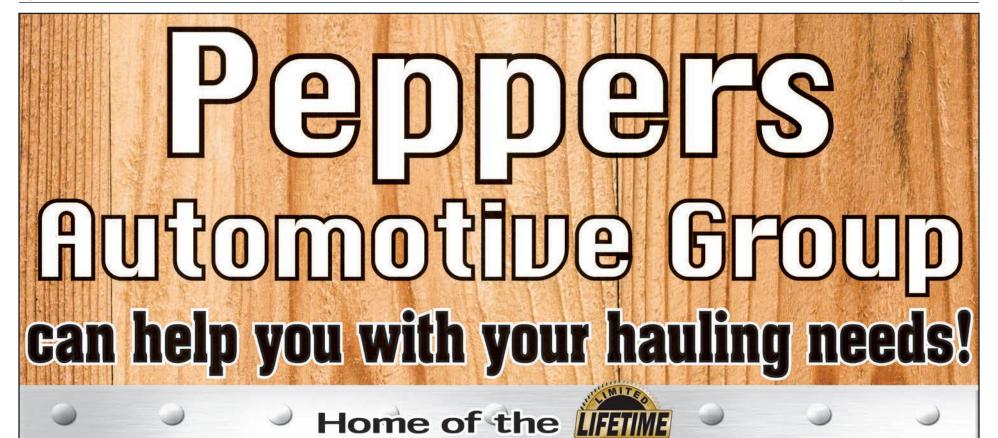
While you can find many after-market options to organize the insides of your drawers and cabinets, choosing organizers designed to work seamlessly with your cabinetry creates a more polished look). Tray dividers are useful for sorting cookie

sheets and baking pans, while you can find dividers in a variety of heights to match drawers below the oven or where you store your cutlery.

Another option that serves a similar purpose is pegs, which keep fragile items from shifting when drawers are opened or closed.































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