

Newsletter

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Greetings from Solid Builders!

Finally, the hot record breaking summer is gone and a slight briskness is in the air. Fall is here and it is important to make the right preparations for cooler weather and falling leaves. As a valued client of Solid Builders, we would like to share with you tips on protecting your home during the coming months. As well as share some interesting trends in bathroom remodeling and remind you of our referral program.

This past summer was a busy one for the Solid Builders' family. We built several outdoor entertainment areas including decks, pergolas and screened porches, renovated and repaired homes. But the biggest news was a "new addition" to the family. Waylon James-Patrick Miller was born on June 1st.

Protecting Your Home: "Fall Maintenance Tips"

While the end of the summer might mean putting away your summer toys and planting shrubs, it's also important to check up on your home. If there are malfunctioning windows or faulty doors, it's time to make repairs to reduce your heating bills.

Here's a handy check list to ensure your home is well maintained and protected for the cooler months ahead:

- Clean gutters and downspouts to keep them free of debris. Neglected gutters can lead to wood rot, pest infestations, wet basements, foundation damage and many other expensive complications.
- Check your home for water leaks: Check around roof, vents and flashing, skylights and around chimneys. If you see any signs of damage, call us to repair the damage.
- Inspect weather stripping and caulking around windows. Caulking helps keep your house weather-tight, lowers your heating bills, and can also help keep insects and rodents out of your house.
- Make sure the caulk around your bathroom fixtures and tile showers is adequate to prevent water damage. Be proactive and prevent emergency and expensive repairs.
- Inspect your home's exterior walls for possible weather-related damage, like cracks and loose



Waylon James-Patrick Miller



To Busy? Call us to assist with your Fall home maintainance check list.

919-427-3253 olidbuilders@nc.rr.com or crumbling mortar. Wood trim and siding can suffer from deteriorating paint. There is also plenty of good weather left to paint your home's exterior.

- Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the flues and fireplace damper.
- Schedule a HVAC contractor to check your heating system before the cold weather hits; change your filters.
- If your walls are in need of painting, now is a good time to paint interior rooms while it's still warm enough to leave windows open.

Top 13 Trends in Bathroom Remodeling

The bathroom is becoming the new den. People are going to their bathrooms to relax after a long day at work. Homeowners are upgrading their bathrooms with everything from soaking tubs to heated floors. Remodeling your bathroom is something you can enjoy while knowing it is also a good investment that will make your home more attractive if you choose to sell it.

Here are some recommendations from MSN's latest poll of several award-winning remodeling experts around the country on what homeowners want in a bathroom:

- 1. <u>Large, airy showers</u>: Showers are big, literally. Not only is the stall getting larger, it's more airy, with much more glass. Hinged doors are replacing sliding glass.
- 2. <u>Soaking tubs</u>: Noisy Jacuzzis are being replaced with soaking tubs for a quieter, more serene experience.
- 3. <u>Let the light in</u>: People want bathrooms to be brighter and more sun-filled. That means adding windows and even skylights.
- 4. <u>Steam bath</u>: A big thing in bathrooms to help de-stress is steam. They cost somewhere between \$2000 and \$6,000.
- 5. <u>Better Ventilation</u>: As a vital component of your home's ventilation system, bathroom fans exhaust offensive odors and vast amounts of humid air to the exterior of your home. Modern systems use a fan motor located in the attic which increases their power and efficiency while operating quieter.
- 6. <u>Privatization of the toilet</u>: Give the master bath's toilet its own private room, or at least a privacy wall.
- 7. <u>Bathroom as entertainment zone</u>: More folks are requesting small coolers and flat-screen TVs. There are flat screens that sit behind a mirror, you don't see them until they're turned on.

Click here to continue reading about the trends in bathroom remodeling.

Solid Builders can help you design and remodel the bathroom of your dreams. Give us a call if you'd like to know more about updating your bathroom. 919-427-3253

Our Referral Program

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