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Greetings from Solid Builders!

It is time to prepare your home for the return of spring weather—April showers and warmer temperatures. As a valued customer of Solid Builders, we would like to provide you with a few home improvement tips to increase and protect the value of your home.

In addition, we've included some important tax credit deadlines for 2010 that may interest you and save you money now and in the long run.

We realize how important our customers are and the huge impact they have on the continued success of our business. We pride ourselves on customer service and satisfaction, so when our customers refer us to family and friends, they are paying us the highest compliment. In an effort to acknowledge our valued customers, we created this Referral Program that pays you money as a way to say **"Thank you"**.



Important Home Related Tax Credit Deadlines This Year:

December 31, 2010—Energy Star Products (30% of cost up to \$1500)

This tax credit includes biomass stoves, HVAC, insulation, metal and asphalt roofs, non-solar water heaters, windows & doors. Be sure to take advantage of this tax break opportunity, energy savings tactic and create a monthly savings for you on your utility bills. For more information visit <http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm>

April 30, 2010—Homebuyers Credits (up to \$8000)

The extension and expansion of the popular Homebuyers Tax Credit gives both new and move-up buyers a tax incentive to buy a home. The new law extends the existing credit for first-time homebuyers up to \$8,000, through April 30, 2010 and a new credit of up to \$6,500 to qualifying existing homeowners who buy a new primary residence (or have one built) if they owned their existing home for five consecutive years over the last eight years.

If you or someone you know is looking to capitalize on this opportunity, Solid Builders would like to share with you a realtor who will provide the same "First-Class Service" that our clients value in us.

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In 2009, Regan & Co. sold listings in an average of 38 days! (The average for all agents is 110 days)

We believe what sets Regan & Co. apart from the rest is how well they work with their clients on getting their house prepared to sell and how that directly impacts days on market and a high list price to sales price ratio.

Continue reading to learn more about how Solid Builders can help you increase the value of your home for resale and a Spring maintenance checklist to protect it from any decrease in value.

Increasing and Protecting the Value of Your Home:

A question we all want to know regarding home improvement is how much projects should cost and what return on investment we will see when selling our home. Well, since Remodeling is our specialty, Solid Builders has found a great chart in *Remodeling Magazine* that provides you with a valuable resource for making those home improvement decisions.

Looking to maximize your remodeling dollars? According to *Remodeling Magazine*, the projects listed below were the remodeling projects that added the greatest amount of resale value to a home last year.

Project	Job Cost	Expected Return	Average Payback
Bathroom Remodel: Midrange	\$12,918	\$10,970	84.9%
Bathroom Remodel: Upscale	\$38,165	\$29,529	77.4%
Minor Kitchen Remodel: Midrange	\$17,928	\$15,278	85.2%
Major Kitchen Remodel: Midrange	\$54,241	\$43,603	80.4%
Major Kitchen Remodel: Upscale	\$107,973	\$81,896	75.9%
Siding Replacement: Midrange	\$9,134	\$7,963	87.2%
Siding Replacement: Upscale	\$13,149	\$11,573	88.0%
Attic Bedroom Remodel: Midrange	\$44,073	\$35,228	79.9%

Adapted from *Remodeling Magazine's* "Cost vs. Value" report. Available at Remodeling Online, www.remodeling.hw.net.

Spring is here and a home maintenance checklist is in order. Conserve energy and protect your most important investment. Just like your need for an annual physical at the doctor's office, a home checkup can protect against future ailments. Give Solid Builders a call today to assist you with the following preventative maintenance.

HAZARDOUS DECK

Check all decks, porches, stairs, and railings for loose members and deterioration. Look for water stains where the deck ties to the house. Ongoing water leakage can lead to wood decay, weakening the deck structure. If you have any doubt about the structural integrity, call a General Contractor to investigate.

DIRTY AIR CONDITIONER

Have your air conditioner cleared of leaves—you don't want debris to block airflow. Vacuuming the grille and register inside the home also will ensure good airflow. Be sure to change filters.

FOUNDATION FISSURES

To protect your home from April showers, have holes in siding and foundation filled with expandable foam and make sure the ground around the foundation slopes away from the house (about 1" per foot).

INSPECT & REPAIR WEATHER STRIPPING

Sealing and insulating the "shell" of your home—its outer walls, ceiling, windows, doors, and floors—is often the most cost effective way to improve energy efficiency and comfort. A skilled contractor can save up to 20% on heating and cooling costs by sealing and insulating.

Our Referral Program:

Refer Solid Builders to people you know and we will write you a check as a thank you. Direct them to www.solidbuildersonline.com or if you need business cards, we will mail them. When they select us to do their project and final payment has been received, we will compensate you according to the dollar value of the job.

News & Events:

► Looking for remodeling ideas, don't miss the Southern Ideal Home Show at the Jim Graham Building in Raleigh. April 9th to April 11th. For more information visit: <http://www.southernshows.com/hsr/>

► Solid Builders online is getting a new and improved look. In the next 2 months, we will share with you a redesigned website that will serve as a great resource for planning your home improvement needs. <http://www.solidbuildersonline.com>

Enjoy the nice weather and beauty of spring! Best Regards,
Aaron, Natalie and Maris Miller