

Getting a little work **done**



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In addition to being an unofficial family month, August is a popular time to do work around the house. Perhaps you're planning to get some repairs done, or thinking about getting started on a decorating or renovation project? You may be looking for a contractor, interior designer, cleaner, or other professional to help.

If so, give us a call.

Because of our connections in the local "home industry", we know many reputable professionals who we can recommend.

In fact, making recommendations is just one of the ways we continue to help our clients in-between transactions. It's part of our mission to be the kind of Realtors you'd like to work with again, and would tell others about.

So don't be shy about contacting us if you need recommendations or have questions.

We're always delighted to hear from you.

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August and Family

According to an article in Wikipedia, the birth flower of August is gladiolus, which represents, among other things, family.

That certainly makes sense to us! In our day-to-day work as Realtors — where our job is helping clients maximize their enjoyment of their homes — we expect to see many of our clients spending extra time with family and friends this month.

Whatever your plans are for this unofficial "family month", we hope you have an enjoyable time. And we hope the weather cooperates with your plans!



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Keeping Track of Homeowner Rebates

It's difficult for the average homeowner to be clear about the financial compensation that's available for home purchases, renovations and appliance upgrades. Fortunately, there are some helpful websites, which make no guarantees, but can give you an idea of what to look for before you buy.

RebateReportCard.com profiles consumer product rebates in the U.S. and Canada, and grades them according to wait time, rebate instructions and customer service, while FatWallet.com lists special deals available by product category. HomeBuyerFunds.com is for anyone seeking government incentives for home purchasing across the U.S., and also helps current homeowners with home improvement tips and information on equity loans. Showmethethegreen.ca identifies home improvement grants and rebates available in Canada.

Reminder: Whenever you're investigating government programs, be sure to confirm the latest information with your local, regional and federal offices, so you can be certain of the details of the programs for which you are eligible.



Unwanted Leftover Paint?

If you're finishing up a summer project and you don't want to store large amounts of unused paint in your garage or basement, there are a number of things you can do to properly dispose of the leftover liquid paint – even if the trash collection doesn't accept it.

The first thing to do is to see if your paint retailer or municipality has a return and recycle or reuse program for leftover paint. If not, you can buy some "waste paint hardener" (available online or at select paint suppliers), and pour the compound directly into your leftover paint can. The unused paint will solidify, after which you can dispose of it as regular solid waste (check with bylaws to confirm). A similar but "homemade" version of this solution is to spread a liberal quantity of cat litter onto newspapers, and pour the paint over it. After the paint dries, roll up the papers and dispose of it as dry trash.

TIP: The simplest way to dispose of small amounts of leftover paint is to apply the unused paint on old drywall panels, plywood pieces or scrap lumber, until the paint is used up.



Fuel-Efficient Cars Can Affect Choices in Homes

Environmental concerns, traffic gridlock and unstable fuel prices are contributing to our acceptance of more efficient cars, and will undoubtedly affect other choices that revolve around our vehicles. Experts are seeing trends away from excessive automobile usage while hybrid and electric cars are also becoming more favored. These trends are bound to affect where we choose to live. Although our commuter society is still in the early stages of transition, the reduced size and range of new cars could influence our choices of homes, in terms of proximity to employment, schools, shopping and recreation – not to mention the size of our garages. It was only about 60 years ago (before automobiles and fuel became widely affordable) that it was quite normal to walk or cycle to work. Nowadays, living closer to work is again becoming a consideration, and could soon become more commonplace.

Think, Act...Live!

"Begin with the end in mind."
Stephen Covey

"Give it all you've got because you never know if there's going to be a next time."
Danielle Ingram

"Be a good listener. Your ears will never get you in trouble."
Frank Tyger

"Never regret. If it's good, it's wonderful. If it's bad, it's experience."
Victoria Holt

New Tech Conveniences Are Just Getting Started



Consumer electronics are advancing so quickly that every new purchase offers the possibility of yet another integration of home automation. Beyond entertainment systems managed with a single remote control device, we will soon be able to manage our home security systems, appliances and utilities with "smart phones" from anywhere at any time. Already, hand-held devices are being integrated with automobile intelligence systems, providing security access and data exchange. Similarly, you'll soon be able to dial up your air conditioning, furnace, oven, water heater or lawn sprinkler to activate or re-program it, or to get an activity update.