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2020 Home Planning Guide

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2020 Home Planning Guide

We are excited to bring you our new launch: the **2020 Home Planning Guide**. To ensure the health and safety of everyone, MSHBA has decided not to host an in-person Parade of Homes in October. Instead, we have created this Guide to assist you in choosing the latest homebuilding products and services our area can provide.

Home is now more important than ever! Homes are now a function of life, work, and school. You need your living areas and future floor plans to be multifunctional. We invite you to keep and use the **2020 Home Planning Guide** as a resource in planning your next home transition.

In addition, we encourage you to visit "Consumer Info" at www.midshoreshomebuilders.com to view more articles to make your home more livable, such as "How to Plan for a Kitchen Remodel."

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you October 1-3, 2021 in-person!

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How to Design Your Home Office for Productivity

In a connected world, working outside of a traditional office is now a viable option for employees across the country. According to recent U.S. Census data approximately eight million people work from home. If you work from a home office, it is important to create a separate space for productivity with minimal distraction. One of the benefits of a home office is the ability to design a custom workspace. If you need ideas to spruce up your home office or if you are designing a space for the first time, consider the following tips.

Create a well-lit space. Experts recommend plenty of natural light for your workspace. As you're

setting up an area for your home office, consider placing your workspace near a window or skylight. Direct sunlight may create a glare on your screens or devices so setting up your work station near natural light is preferred. If you have a different lighting preference, adjustable lamps can help you place your lighting source exactly where you need.

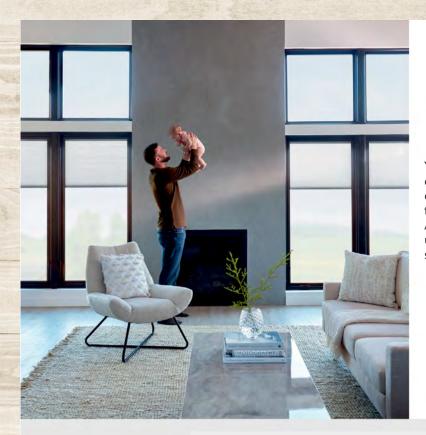
Add greenery. Plants in your home are not only decorative, research shows they can help purify air in your home. If you are adding greenery to your home office space make sure your plants can have enough airflow and sunlight. Common home office plants are spider, snake, peace lily and fern. These plants are low maintenance but do require some upkeep so consider what type of care they need before purchasing.

Select a storage solution. For optimal productivity you want to make sure your space has all the items you need to complete your task within reach. Bookshelves are ideal for reference items and manuals. Filing cabinets can help you organize and store loose papers. If you're completely paperless and use only electronic devices for your job, make sure you have a sufficient amount of outlets for various connection cords.

Design an ergonomic space. When you select your home office furniture try not to focus only on design – think about function too! Sitting at a desk and typing for an extended period of time can be painful for your back, neck or wrist. An ergonomic space, a design to increase comfort and efficiency, is key for any work area. To help you stay comfortable in your home office, make sure your computer monitor is at least an arm's length away. Your chair height should be adjustable with your knees to support your spine.

For more home office design tips or to create a new home office space, visit www.midshoreshomebuilders.com.





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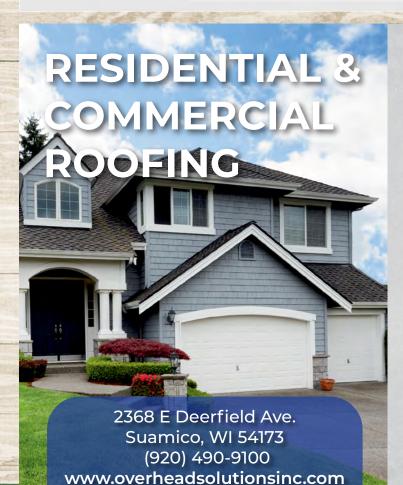
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Do You Know How to Make Your Home More Livable?

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a resounding effect on the way people live — not only in how they interact with those around them, but potentially in how they view their homes as well. More time at home may be changing the way individuals think about how tangible elements such as increasing their capacity to work from home, as well as the not-so-tangible elements, like indoor air quality, noise reduction and overall home performance, affect their lives.

High-performance homes can provide increased comfort, improved air quality, reduced noise, and lower energy and water bills, which can benefit the health, well-being and finances of you and your family. Your current home may not provide these elements, but investing in remodeling or a new home could ensure they're incorporated going forward. Asking the right questions will help ensure you're getting the types of features you're looking for in a remodel or your next new home.

For example, you may notice now that it seems like the AC or heater is running all the time, or there are fluctuations in temperature as you move from room to room throughout the day. Or maybe you're using more energy and water during the daytime, so you're increasingly concerned about how this will affect your utility bills. Raising these types of concerns with a home builder or remodeler can help them identify the right high-performance solutions for your current or future home.

Solutions may include:

- ✓ Products and building materials to increase energy efficiency, such as:
 - □ Smart thermostats to help regulate temperature;
 - □ High R-value insulation in floors, walls and ceilings to retain heat within your home;
 - □ Weatherstripping around windows and doors to avoid air leakage, which can overwork air conditioning units;
 - □ WaterSense-labeled fixtures to reduce water usage; and
 - □ Appropriately sized heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment to comfortably and efficiently heat and cool your home.
- ✓ Products and building materials to improve ventilation and air quality, such as:
 - □ Smart appliances to improve efficiency;
 - □ HVAC systems with sensors and automation to help regulate circulation; and
 - □ Sustainable building materials that use fewer chemicals and irritants.

For more information, including specific questions to ask your home builder, visit homeperformancecounts.info. Home Performance Counts is a joint initiative between the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) to help

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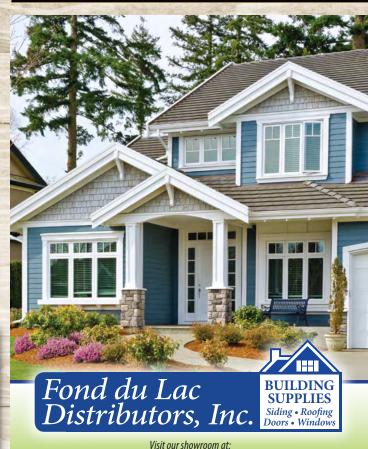
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