

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Bathroom Renovations Can Boost Home Value

(NAPSA)—The past five years have seen an explosion in home improvements. Homeowners continue to look for new, creative ways to bring more space, style and luxury to their everyday lives by remodeling and renovating.

For many who choose to renovate, the question becomes: “Where do we invest our limited resources and how will remodeling ultimately affect our home’s value?”

While there’s no guarantee that remodeling now will add to future resale value, statistics show that some projects yield a better return than others.

Consumers can generally expect to get a greater return in remodeling their bathroom than they would with other room upgrades. The 2006 Cost vs. Value Report from Remodeling magazine showed that the average return on a mid-range bathroom remodel is 85 percent.

### Getting More For Less

So how do you ensure that the money you do spend remodeling your bathroom maximizes your investment? Selecting the right materials is the key.

For example, one way to make a bathroom seem more spacious without knocking down walls and starting over is to install a glass shower enclosure.

Whether renovating a small bathroom or upgrading a larger room, clear glass shower enclosures dramatically open up the space and showcase the luxurious materials chosen for your shower surround.

### Maintaining Value

Protecting your investment is also important. Recently, one of the largest glass manufacturers in the world, introduced the first and



**Permanently protected shower glass can be a good investment when renovating a bathroom. The stunning clarity of glass can provide a pristine showcase for elegant materials and fixtures.**

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only permanently protected shower glass.

The surface of the glass—which is sealed through a patented ion beam process during manufacturing—resists the corrosion and discoloration caused by constant exposure to heat, humidity, hard water, soaps and harsh cleaners.

The ShowerGuard® glass from Guardian Industries is easier to clean than standard glass and maintains its original crystal clear appearance.

It can be a smart choice for homeowners who want to preserve the value of their investment in a bathroom remodeling project.

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