



# Hints For Homeowners

## Standby Generators Can Increase Home Resale Value

(NAPSA)—For the first time in a long time, home remodel costs are trending in a positive direction for homeowners looking to add value with cost-effective projects. According to a recent study by Remodeling, the average cost-to-value ratio has increased to 60.6 percent.

### Recouping On A Remodel

The Remodeling report also said, regarding the national average for midrange home remodeling projects costing less than \$12,000 that still recoup at least half of their cost:

- A steel entry door replacement increases resale value by 85.6 percent of its cost.

- A garage door replacement increases resale value by 75.7 percent of its cost.

- A fiberglass entry door replacement increases resale value by 65.9 percent of its cost.

- A wood deck addition increases resale value by 77.3 percent of its cost.

- A vinyl window replacement increases resale value by 71.2 percent of its cost.

- A wood window replacement increases resale value by 73.3 percent of its cost.

- A backup power generator increases resale value by 52.7 percent of its cost.

### Why Remodel

Meanwhile, you and your family can enjoy the comfort and savings that these improvements provide. For example, the backup



**Home remodeling and improvement projects add value to a home and many recoup more than half of their cost when it's time to sell.**

power generator, also known as a standby or home generator, can offer your family peace of mind during emergencies and natural disaster. During a power outage, standby generators provide a seamless supply of power using a transfer switch and power management system. This lets you run appliances such as sump pumps, air conditioners, heaters, refrigerators, clothes washers, dryers and lights.

“Any time a homeowner can choose a remodeling project that increases the home’s livability while also recouping a large chunk of the project investment it’s a great idea,” said Amanda Grandy of Briggs & Stratton, one of the nation’s leading manufacturers of home standby generators.

### Further Facts

To learn more about standby generators or to find a dealer, visit [www.briggsandstratton.com/us/en/generators](http://www.briggsandstratton.com/us/en/generators).