

Mastering Maintenance

Update Your Wood Paneling

(NAPSA)—In one weekend, your wood paneling can be beautifully refreshed with either paint or wallpaper.

To Paint

To paint, nail down loose joints or edges and clean the surface with an ammoniated detergent to remove old wax or polish. Rinse with clear water and dry. Prime the paneling with a glossy-surface primer. Finally, apply one or two coats of acrylic-latex wall paint.

To Wallpaper

To wallpaper, prepare and clean as described above and remove moldings at the top and



Refreshing your wood paneling is an easy way to renovate a tired room.

bottom of the panels. Apply a heavy-duty liner or backing paper, sold at wallpaper stores. This will span the grooves to create a smoother surface. After the liner dries, apply regular wallpaper in the usual way. Paint the moldings to match and reinstall.

Remember, these tips are only general guidelines. Since each house and situation is different, contact a professional if you have questions about a specific condition or issue. More information is available online at www.housemaster.com.