

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Green Ways To

Revitalize A Kitchen [®]

(NAPSA)—Homeowners who remember the “three Rs” could makeover their kitchens, protect the Earth and save some green in the process.

Reconditioning, redooring and refacing a kitchen—known as a kitchen tune-up—rather than rebuilding from scratch, can significantly cut remodeling costs, save energy and keep discarded material out of landfills.

Cabinet refacing and redooring, for instance, lets you revitalize your kitchen with new doors, drawer fronts and matching veneer, while keeping your existing cabinet boxes. Similarly, reconditioning lets you tune up existing cabinets, doors and woodwork to look like new, without the cost or environmental impact associated with replacing them.

“In a refacing service, a kitchen that has plain oak cabinets can be made cherry or maple, or even a European-style 3D laminate material, all while helping the environment,” says Dave Haglund, founder of Kitchen Tune-Up, a company that reconditions, redoors and refaces kitchens.

Going Green

To help spread the word on green remodeling, Haglund’s company started the “Plant a Tree” campaign in 1993, when it planted 25,000 seedlings to promote reforestation.

Fifteen years later and in its 20th year as a franchise system, the company has teamed with the Arbor Day Foundation to promote their stance on resource sustainability.

With each tune-up, redooring or refacing service completed by its franchises through the remainder of 2008, the company will donate a tree in the client’s name to be planted in a U.S. National Forest.

The Arbor Day Foundation notes that national forests have areas in immediate need of reforestation due to wildfires, infestations and disease.

For more information, visit www.kitchentuneup.com.