

Hints For The Handy

Better Bathrooms Through Shower Power

(NAPSA)—If you've been searching for ways to clean up the look of your bathroom, take a look at your shower.

Showers and tubs tend to be the focal point of bathrooms and if they're old, discolored or in disrepair, they can take away from the rest of your bathroom fixtures. Worse, older, leaky tubs and showers can waste hundreds of gallons of water a year.

The good news is that you don't have to be proficient in plumbing to swap out an old shower for a new one. In fact, one new type of shower can be installed without even using caulk. Instead, do-it-yourselfers simply snap it in place, creating a watertight seal.

"The Accord shower combines great design with easy installation," says Don Zeman, host of Homefront, a nationally syndicated television and radio program offering consumers tips on home improvement. "Eliminating the need for caulk significantly reduces installation time and creates a guaranteed watertight seal every time."

The Sterling Accord shower is made of a durable material called "Vikrell" and features a single-pivot-point installation system, making it easier to interlock the walls with the base. The wall clips, in turn, provide an audible click that notifies the installer that they have been installed in the proper position—one that is snug and watertight.

Clean Look

Of course, the look of a shower can matter as much as ease of installation. That's why the shower drew design inspiration from sources as varied as traditional Greek and Roman architecture and design found in the work of Frank Lloyd Wright.



Installing a new shower can be easier than you might expect.

Additionally, the shower features six shelves that offer generous storage space and are also easy to wipe clean. Slightly hidden from the view of the bather, the storage columns reduce visual clutter and allow for an unobstructed showering space.

Cool Kitchens

If you're looking to spruce up your kitchen, you might check out Sterling's undercounter stainless steel kitchen sinks as an affordable way to add some style to the room.

They feature design impressions at the bottom of their basins that depict a large "X," similar to a pattern often seen on more upscale fabricated sinks. They also feature an attractive satin basin finish, are stain and corrosion resistant and feature SilentShield technology, which reduces the bothersome noises normally associated with stainless steel sinks.

To learn more, call (800) STERLING or visit the Web site www.SterlingPlumbing.com.