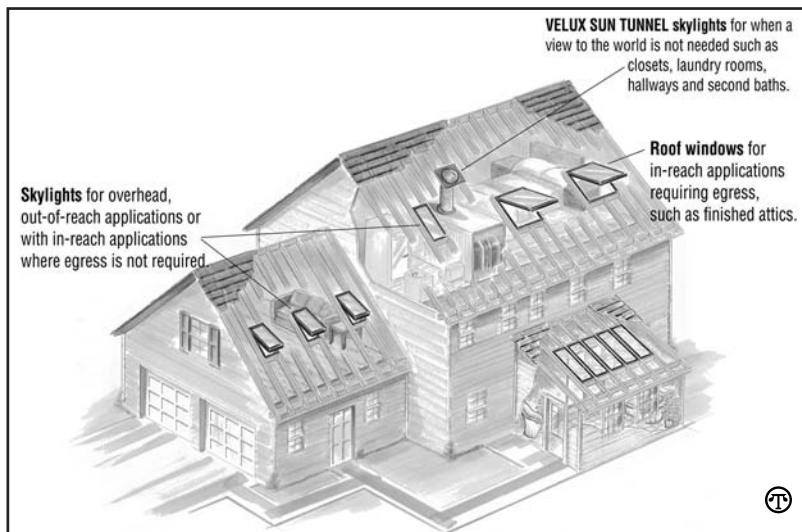


# Upscale Living

## Light From Above—Skylight Basics



(NAPSA)—The key to adding light, style and a feeling of openness to a room may be to bring the outside in with a skylight. Decorators say skylights can transform rooms into splendid spaces while adding value to homes.

“With the fresh air and ventilation available through skylights and roof windows, homeowners have attractive and effective tools to improve the quality of natural light and ventilation in their homes,” says Joe Patrick, product manager with VELUX America. He offers these tips:

**Selection**—Skylights are used for overhead, out-of-reach applications or with in-reach applications where egress is not required. There are models specially designed to meet code for safe use in hurricane-prone areas. Roof windows are for in-reach applications and they also open wide to provide egress. VELUX Sun Tunnel™ skylights are useful when a view to the outside is not needed as with closets, laundry rooms, hallways and interior baths.

A selection of models, styles and sizes are available, as are

accessories, including blinds and shades, to control the light and heat entering your home. Skylights and accessories can be controlled manually or by remote control.

**Energy efficiency**—Save money on utility bills by selecting quality products meeting Energy Star® approval guidelines.

**Glazing**—Energy-efficient, tempered safety glass resists condensation, protects against fading and won't discolor, leak or allow drafts. Models are also available with electrochromic glass that darken by remote control to reduce light and solar gain without restricting the view to the sky.

**Installation**—Locate certified, independent installers by contacting your local Home Builders Association or through the product manufacturer.

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