

Hints For The Home



What It Takes To Graduate To A Better Lifestyle

(NAPSA)—Knowing what a “punch list” is may help homeowners get through home repair and renovation projects without wanting to punch their fists through newly painted or plastered walls.

A “punch list” is a list of minor issues that may still need the contractor’s attention, created to help you with your walk-through or inspection.

Assembling such a list and learning about the issues involved may be easier with a new Web site created by the American Homeowners Association (AHA)[®], a national consumer alliance membership organization that has been called the AAA for homeowners. The site, known as **AHA Home University**, is available free to members online 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

At www.ahahome.com, homeowners and first-time buyers can find information on everything from “Assessing your Home-Buying Readiness” to the ancient art of feng shui.

AHA Home University offers more than 100 course titles in the areas of Buying Your First Home, Home Buying Refresher, Home Living, the Great Outdoors, Your Financial House and Home Safe Home. Courses vary in length from full, half-hour classes to “1-click courses” that will take 15 minutes or less.

For example, “How to Buy Appliances” is a full, five-part



Many homeowners may appreciate taking a crash course in making the most of their homes.

course that teaches you about the various types of kitchen and household appliances and how to evaluate various features. This course rounds out lessons with an optional, self-administered quiz on the subject matter.

American Homeowners Association members are also able to customize their own courseware options in lessons tailored to their individual needs.

Using a proprietary technology, homeowners can build their own courses and pursue their own specific areas of interest much like college students customizing a major.

The education center was created using the extensive expertise of The American Homeowners Association and outside experts.