



SMART HOME: SAFE, SECURE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT

I LOVE IT, ROBERT. I REALLY LIKE THE RENOVATIONS YOU AND AMY HAVE DONE TO THE LIVING ROOM AND THE KITCHEN. THANKS, MOM, WE'RE REALLY HAPPY WITH EVERYTHING. I THINK WE'RE FINALLY GOING TO DO IT. WE'RE GOING TO REMODEL THE KITCHEN AND THE BASEMENT. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO UPGRADE YOUR HOUSE TO MORE OF A SMART HOME. THAT'S WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO WITH OUR RENOVATIONS, AND SINCE OUR HOUSE IS OLDER, WE HAD AN ELECTRICIAN HELP US WITH THE WHOLE PROCESS. WE WEREN'T SURE WHERE TO START, SO THE ELECTRICIAN INSPECTED OUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AND HE WAS ABLE TO RECOMMEND A FEW SIMPLE UPGRADES. LIKE WHAT? WELL, HE INSTALLED AN A-F-C-I BREAKER TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTIONS AND FIRES, AND IT PROTECTS OUR HOME WIRING. OH, AND PLUS HE UPGRADED OUR G-F-C-I OUTLETS AS WELL. AND WITH THE LITTLE GUY RUNNING AROUND, WE REPLACED ALL THE OLDER OUTLETS WITH TAMPER-RESISTANT RECEPTACLES. AND THAT JUST PREVENTS BOBBY FROM STICKING THINGS IN THE OUTLETS. HE ALSO ADDED SURGE PROTECTION TO OUR HOUSE, WHICH PROTECTS OUR LARGER APPLIANCES. WOW, SOUNDS LIKE YOU DID A COMPLETE OVERHAUL. IT WAS PAINLESS. MOST EVERYTHING IS REQUIRED BY THE ELECTRICAL CODE, AND THE UPGRADES GIVE US SUCH PEACE OF MIND. WE DIDN'T REALIZE THAT CREATING A SMART HOME GOES WAY BEYOND THE AUTOMATED DEVICES. IT ALSO MEANT A SMARTER ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AS WELL. AND I'M SURE THE ELECTRICAL UPGRADES ALONE RAISE THE VALUE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME. WELL, YEAH, AND HE FOUND DISCOLORED OUTLETS IN THE GARAGE AND THE LIGHTS IN THE GUEST ROOM SLIGHTLY FLICKERED WHEN THE SWITCH WAS TURNED ON. THINGS THAT COULD BE EASILY OVERLOOKED BUT THEY NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. NOW, OUR HOME IS SAFER. SMART DEVICES MAKE OUR LIVES EASIER AND WE'RE SAVING MONEY. HAVING A SMART HOME DOESN'T MEAN YOU NEED A NEW HOME. YOU JUST NEED THE RIGHT TECHNOLOGY TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE. SAFETY IS SMART. PREVENTION IS POWER.