



# Home Post Scripts

By Glenda Hughes



Since reporting to you last week, regarding the merits of having the tiles and fixtures in your bathroom reglazed, I thought you might like to hear the happy story of some clients that did go this route.

Earlier this week, I stopped in to see my clients, to find a hive of activity at the house. The decorator was there, the well driller was there to do a well report, and The Bathtub People were there. Needless to say, it was chaos! I found that all this activity was making everyone rather elated and hyped up - so it was a very opportune time to take a little peak at the progress being made. I was most concerned about the bathrooms, so I took a jog up the stairs and I was absolutely astonished at what I saw! A transformation was taking place right before our eyes! I had left the house, only days earlier, and this bathroom was a bright turquoise - today it was shiny, pristine white! You couldn't tell that it had been resurfaced, it looked like it had always been that way - except for the man in the mask that was still working. It was close to miracle stuff - certainly it was magic. If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I wouldn't have believed it. Then I slipped down to the powder room, and a chipped harvest gold sink that I had seen a few days ago, was now a sparkling bone shade, with no signs of chips. Wow! Not only was I knocked off my feet, but my clients were so pleased, they were almost dancin'.

So, the final outcome of this story is pretty nice. These lovely people had put up with these bathrooms for many years, not wanting to go to the hassle of pulling off tiles, yanking out bathtubs and replacing odd sized sinks, so they just sort of tried to make the best of it. With this process, it was done in no time, and for a fraction of the cost and mess. Their bathrooms look like a million dollars, and now, no matter how much longer they live in their beautiful home, they will have the remaining time in their bathrooms spent viewing a whole different vista. Now they will have a good crack at getting this house sold - and I would hazard a guess, that we would have had next to no chance before. These things are so important to the successful sale of a home - don't ever think that your home is any different. If in doubt, check with your local real estate sales rep. and if you get a funny look when you ask about your bathroom, don't wait for the hesitant answer - reach for the phone - I know that you will be so happy that you did.

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## Air conditioners and water heaters must soon meet minimum standards

TORONTO - Air conditioners and oil-fired water heaters will soon have to meet minimum standards of energy efficiency under an amended regulation of the Energy Efficiency Act, passed June 29, 1990, Energy Minister Lyn McLeod has announced.

The regulation will also prohibit continuously burning pilot lights on gas stoves. They have already been prohibited on conventional furnaces.

The amendment will apply to stoves starting January 1, 1991 and to air conditioners and water heaters by January 1, 1992.

"This important new step will increase the types of energy-efficient appliances and products available to Ontario consumers. It will also challenge Ontario industry to meet the new requirements and to work with the ministry to save energy," said Mrs. McLeod.

"By consuming energy more efficiently, we can reduce our demand for new sources of energy. We can also alleviate the environmental effects of our energy use. For example, we can reduce carbon dioxide emissions which contribute to the greenhouse effect."

Ontario is the only province in Canada which has legislation regulating the levels of energy used in appliances and products. Other provinces are now considering similar legislation.

As a result of the amended regulation, householders can save an estimated 100 cubic metres of gas per year on each gas stove and can reduce energy consumed by air conditioners and oil-fired water heaters by about 10 per cent.

The Energy Efficiency Act received Royal Assent on June 8, 1988. Since then, minimum stan-

dards of energy efficiency have been established for 12 appliances and products. Clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, ranges, electric water heaters, ground-source heat pumps, refrigerators, freezers and combination refrigerator-freezers are already covered by the previous regulation. In addition, minimum efficiency levels will soon be set for air-source heat pumps, electric motors and commercial lighting.

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