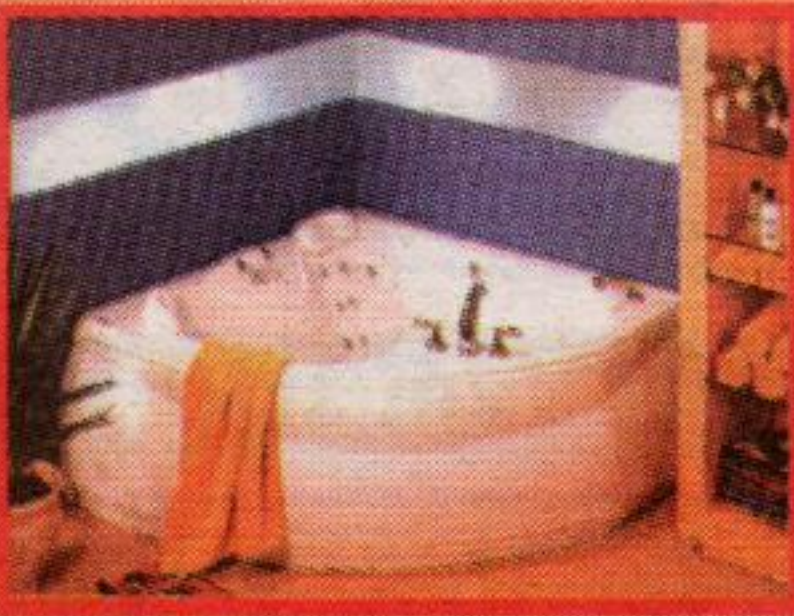


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- If you're renovating the attic, you should also add insulation to the roof and kneewall cavities and replace the air-vapour barrier to control drafts and moisture.

- If you're finishing your home's basement, there's no better time to insulate and seal the outer walls. Before you do, make sure that the exterior surfaces of the walls are properly water-sealed from the outside; otherwise you'll risk creating mould problems. It's always



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