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**Metal roofing - a better value for the home**  
 The following are the frequently asked questions about roofing:  
**Q:** My roof needs to be replaced, but I'm looking for a roofing product that will look nicer and last longer. Is there an alternative?  
**A:** Metal roofing is becoming the answer to this problem, especially with homeowners who are fed up with the short life of traditional roofing materials. Metal roofing costs more upfront than composition shingles, but it's one of the most economical roofing choices, because it lasts longer, requires no maintenance and provides a better appearance (and value) for your home.  
 There are advantages in every climate, especially in areas with threats of fires, airborne sparks, severe storms or extreme heat or cold. Some metal roofs can be installed directly over your existing roof, without the cost and mess of a tear-off.  
**Q:** Won't a metal roof make my house hotter in the summer?  
**A:** It depends on the metal. Steel will absorb and transfer the heat of the sun, but not all metals do. Aluminum reflects radiant heat. If you decide to use a metal roof that is not aluminum, you will need to install a radiant-heat barrier in your attic to get any energy savings.

**Lighting can divert attention from ugly areas**

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- For larger rooms, allow two to three watts of light per square foot.
- Use mood or accent lights to show off something you're proud of, whether it be a picture, collectibles or your plants.
- Think before you place. You can divert attention away from less-than-perfect areas of your home with lighting.
- Enhance the effect of centrally-located ceiling fixtures with additional fixtures spaced evenly around the perimeter of the room.
- Freestanding lamps with adjustable arms are ideal for desks and reading.
- To eliminate eye-strain, low-level lighting is necessary when working on a computer. This can be achieved by installing miniature track lights under shelves, above the computer desk.

**Dining Rooms**

- To avoid bumping your head when you stand up, choose a chandelier that's at least six inches narrower than your table. Centre it approximately 30 inches above the table.
- Install a dimmer switch in the dining room. Not only will it offer mood lighting during romantic meals, but it will reduce your energy bill.

**Bedrooms**

- Using dimmer switches in other rooms, such as bedrooms, can turn a bright functional area into a relaxing soft area.
- For reading in bed, 75-watt bedside lights will shed enough light on the subject. Light from several sources reduce glare, shadows and eyestrain.
- Buy blinds and curtains that can open completely to maximize natural light. As natural light is uplifting, this can offer an important boost during the winter.

**Kitchens**

- Track lighting can provide suitable general illumination, and their single-circuit tracks can hook right into the same wiring used for common ceiling-mounted fixtures.
- To properly illuminate countertops where most kitchen work is done, consider installing straight-tube fluorescent lights under cabinets.
- Mount the lights close to the front of the cabinet and size them to reach at least two-thirds of the counter's length.

**Bathrooms**

- Install vanity lights in the bathroom. This cross lighting technique eliminates shadows, making it ideal for shaving and applying makeup. A dimmer switch can be added for times when less light is needed.

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