

HOME & GARDEN

Get the kids to help create a room that reflects their personalities

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blah winter months. Also, when the view outside does not flatter the interior of the room, sheer draperies can be a good solution.

✓ Shutters flatter their surroundings without competing with them and are extremely versatile. You can create a look that is country or contemporary using different materials. Shutters easily adjust to changing light conditions and provide total privacy when closed.

LIGHTING

✓ Artificial light is one of the most flexible and popular ways to change the atmosphere or feeling of a room.

Light fixtures should not only provide the needed illumination, but also enhance the basic architectural and decorative design of the room.

✓ Consider mood or accent lights as a spot effect to show off something you're proud of, such as a painting, photograph, collectible or plant.

✓ A dimmer switch in the bedroom makes it possible to vary the intensity of light in the fixture. It can easily transform a bright, functional area into a relaxing, soft room and vice versa.

ACCENTS

✓ An area rug can pull the style of a room together, and if you have hardwood flooring in your bedroom, it can provide a warm spot to rest your feet as you swing out of bed in the morning.



PHOTO/HOME DEPOT

Artificial lighting is one of the most popular ways to change the feeling of the room.

✓ Replace dresser drawer knobs with new shapes, colours and materials to create a quick and easy new look to existing pieces.

✓ Add indoor plants. Plants clean the air by removing toxins and releasing oxygen into the room.

up and safety, but they can also make sure their interests are reflected in their corner of the world.

✓ Create a personalized border or mural right in the child's room to reflect his or her interests and personality.

TRY THESE EASY STEPS:

• Tape a piece of clean drop cloth about three feet high along the wall. Allow 12 inches of wall space above tape, then tape another piece of drop cloth along the wall above that space.

Using a water-based paint in your child's favourite colours, paint the uncovered space or have the kids stamp their painted hand prints on the wall.

When the paint dries, remove the drop cloth to reveal a fun and personal work of art.

• Create a play corner. Use brightly coloured buckets and tubs for toy boxes. Not only will they look good, but will help keep the room organized and tidy.

KIDS BEDROOM

Get the kids to help redecorate their rooms. Not only will this help them develop skills such as planning, preparation, clean

Where's Bridlewood Gone?

Dear valued Bridlewood customers:

As another Canadian winter comes out of its northern hibernation, it's time to move energy to the top of our list of really important things to do. It is also the time to take a close look at what has been happening to the whole energy picture over the past year. What we'll find is that much in that picture has changed but a whole lot more has stayed the same.

What has changed is some familiar names - like Bridlewood Heating & Air Conditioning, a company known in the community for a quarter of a century. The firm is now Bridlewood-Union Energy, a part of Union Energy's growing network of sales and service dealerships. What has remained the same is the quality of service and the expert sales and service personnel offered by Bridlewood and the advice that can be offered by a top-notch heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) dealer for preparing your home for the coldest of winters or hottest of summers.

This kind of sales, service, and advice has been a staple of HVAC dealers who have valued their reputations for trusted and reliable home comfort service as well as products such as furnaces, air

conditioners, fireplaces and water heaters. Now, according to Mr. Trempe, General Manager, Bridlewood-Union Energy, respected, quality companies like *Bridlewood* have become the foundation of a new energy retail leader, Union Energy.

BRIDLEWOOD

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING community built by HVAC dealers like Bridlewood. Mr. Trempe's office walls are studded with photographs of junior hockey and baseball teams sponsored by his local sales staff. Mr. Trempe says

are brands that remain with Bridlewood, as it becomes part of Union Energy. Mr. Trempe said, "These are the best brands on the market and the ones that will enable Union Energy to reach \$200 million in revenues this year."

Union Energy is a part of the Westcoast Energy family

of water heaters.

What will change in the energy picture, according to Union Energy President Brian Gabel, is consumer choice. "Because of new competition in the market place, consumers will have a greater selection of energy options leading to more savings and efficiency in home heating and air conditioning." There also will be new and renovated Union Energy showrooms springing up across the landscape, including Bridlewood's revamped showroom in Newmarket.

What will not change is the commitment of companies like Union Energy and its division Bridlewood-Union Energy. After all, the old slogan of Bridlewood Heating and Air Conditioning was "You'll be comfortable with us." The new slogan is "You can take comfort in Bridlewood-Union Energy." The more things change, the more they add up to the same result - comfort and good cheer indoors all year long - and that is a very comforting combination.

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Union Energy is maintaining these traditions of its local dealers; in fact, Union Energy is reminding its customers they will deal with the same staff members at Union Energy as they did when the name was just Bridlewood.

Union Energy is also retaining the identity of its acquired dealerships as there are valuable ties with the

his staff has also developed particularly close relationships with senior citizens and others in the area who need, as he describes it, "the fastest service, best prices, fairest discounts, most reliable advice and those extra touches that make a difference."

The Bridlewood locations also display awards from manufacturers like Carrier, Napoleon and Majestic. These

of companies and a sister of Union Gas. It was established in 1997 to operate in the newly competitive, deregulated energy sector. Since its inception, Union Energy has been acquiring some of the best local dealerships like Bridlewood. On January 1, Union Energy will receive the transfer of the retail operations of Union Gas including equipment sales and financing and rental