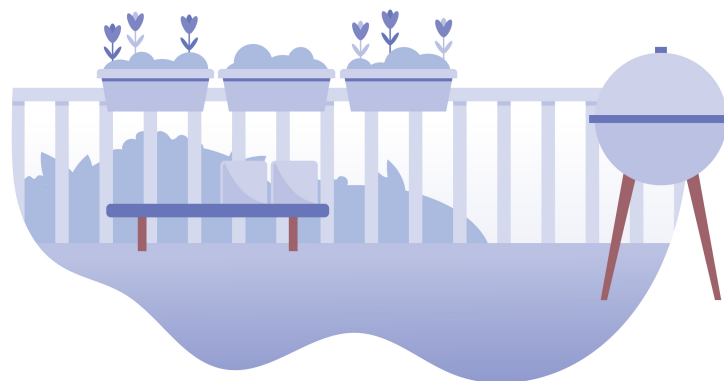




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# A better home, inside and out

## New home improvement trends

Spending months inside has us reevaluating our surroundings. Here are new perspectives on interior and exterior home upgrades.

### Tackle the home office situation

Consider setting up an "office nook" or repurposing a closet. Think about what you could put into storage, or which off-season items you could store in under-the-bed bins, etc. and use already-existing shelves to set your office essentials.

### Create your outdoor oasis

Depending on your budget, ideas range from setting up a makeshift baseball diamond to installing a screened in porch, gazebo, deck, shade structure, privacy screening or garden.

### Combat the clutter

Designate a basket or bin to each family member, and ensure you have 'user-friendly' storage space. Anything that isn't easily accessible will be quickly forgotten.

### Boost your home's energy

Quick fixes could include DIY installation of new water-saving showerheads or low-flow aerators to your kitchen sink, while long-term fixes would require full bathroom or kitchen remodels or replacing old appliances with upgraded energy-efficient products.

### Renovate right

A recent trend for those considering renovations is to create a master plan but then tackle it piece by piece. Economic uncertainty due to the pandemic, and the fact that people have to be home all day while the work is being done, all weigh into this decision to take it one step at a time.<sup>1</sup>

Guaranteed Rate's dedicated renovation specialists provide a transparent and simple process, while a consultant oversees the project to protect you as a homeowner.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.forbes.com/sites/jamiegold/2020/06/23/coronavirus-drives-residential-outdoor-living-demand-and-trends/#2c040ef93e45>

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