

Natural Stone Surfaces ~

Intrinsic Strength and Everlasting Beauty

WHETHER YOU do a lot of entertaining or simply enjoy the finer things in life, upgrading your indoor surfaces with the exquisite beauty of natural stone should be at the top of your to-do list for the new year.

Many of the most sought-after home improvements are the most beautiful --richly hued, swirling patterned granite countertops, classic, intricately veined marble fireplace surrounds, vibrant and textured slate floors, and translucent, contrasting colored onyx bar tops. Unique qualities born in nature cannot be replicated in synthetic materials.

Savvy homeowners recognize that stone's practical uses are just as desirable. They know that the exceptional durability of granite surfaces require minimal maintenance, can withstand heat, and resist stains far better than most artificial products. They are a smart investment too because they increase home value and may never need to be replaced.

Be sure to research companies prior to purchase. Look for a reputable company that features a local showroom where they are willing to move slabs for you and provide clear lighting for optimal viewing. They should have experienced in-house designers at your disposal and a tile department with thousands of samples from which to choose. A company that fabricates its stone at an in-house production facility and offers



professional installation will save you money by eliminating the middleman and will assure that you acquire the best production of quality stone.

As America's largest fabricator and installer of natural stone, Colonial Marble and Granite excels in personalized customer service, pricing, and quality workmanship. Visit their impressive King of Prussia showroom that adjoins a 100,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility where you will find more than 4,500 slabs in over 450 colors, or stop at any one of their other locations throughout PA, NJ, and DE, including new showrooms in Harrisburg, PA, Edison, NJ, and New Castle, DE. Call 610-994-2222 for a free estimate, or visit ColonialMarble.net.

Goodbye Old and Drafty, Hello New, State of the Art!

Today's Replacement Windows Combine Curb Appeal and Energy Efficiency

WINDOWS: the overworked, under-appreciated mainstays of your home's architecture. Think about it. Visible from inside and out, they impact both living environment and curb appeal. And as the first line of defense against heat loss in the winter and exorbitant air conditioning bills in the summer, they have a pretty significant effect on your wallet as well. With obsolete style and technology, how can drafty, old windows possibly rise to the task? They cannot. And you have got the energy bills to prove it.

It is time to replace those outdated windows with state of the art, high performance windows that enhance the appeal of your home while significantly reducing temperature fluctuations year round to keep those skyrocketing heating and air conditioning costs at bay.

When considering replacement options, choose Low-E4 glass, the most energy efficient thermal glass available. Compared to ordinary dual pane glass, Low-E4 will be up to 45% more efficient in the winter and up to 70% in summer while reducing sound penetration and filtering UV rays to protect your valuable furnishings from fading.

For the ultimate performance, make sure that glass is framed in Fibrex®, a breakthrough composite window frame material that maximizes window area to provide more light while ensuring high energy efficiency. Combining the strength and stability of wood with the low maintenance features of vinyl, Fibrex® frames are excellent insulators, resistant to temperature changes and



warranted from maintenance problems such as flaking, rust, corrosion and cracks.

When replacing your windows, select Renewal by Andersen, the most reputable brand of replacement windows and a full-service replacement division of Andersen Windows. To discover the best window solutions for your home, visit Renewal by Andersen's showroom at 761 5th Avenue in King of Prussia; hours are 9 am to 8 pm M-F, 9 am to 7pm Saturday, and 9 am to 1 pm Sunday. Also visit their website at LifeLongWindows.com or call 888-479-2585 for a free in-home window diagnosis.