

Concepts

MAINTENANCE TIP – LED LIGHTING: WALK IN—AND STAY AWHILE—

AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE

You may have already heard: efficient LED lighting is replacing the conventional, incandescent light bulb. These LEDs—or light-emitting diodes—are light years (pardon the pun) ahead, offering an efficient and longer-lasting alternative to the type of lighting to which we’ve grown accustomed. Yet navigating this “lighting transition” can be confusing.



The Orren Pickell Maintenance Group can help. We can educate you on the technology (no tests or quizzes included), reduce any stress you may be experiencing (we understand how these changes can somewhat immobilize even the most astute homeowner), and, finally, implement an LED lighting plan that is right for your living environment.

For example, replacing recessed lighting trims with new LED trims—with the light source built in—eliminates the need for bulbs. Plus, our maintenance techs can install LED bulbs that are compatible with dimmer switches and emit the right amount of light. It’s all about peace of mind, an area that we have covered!

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CLOSET ACHIEVES WINNETKA HOMEOWNER’S DREAM



It’s a 470-square foot refuge with a built-in dog kennel, jewelry drawers that lock, a wine bar (why not?) and a built-in TV behind a mirror. But this closet-come-true wasn’t always that way. Too small to accommodate the homeowner’s couture style, Orren Pickell Building Group incorporated two small, existing master closets and a small spare bedroom and bathroom into one large, boutique-like closet space. Additional features include:

coffee bar, Swarovski crystal decorative hardware, lighted glass shoe display shelves, stacked glass cabinets to the ceiling for display of purses and hats, and more, more, more.



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“You don’t have to be a celebrity to get a fabulous closet,” says sales associate Tom Hackett. “For this client, we wanted to provide not just the right kind of storage but also a certain ambiance and atmosphere, an oasis that radiates a sense of peace and privacy.”

The ultra-luxe closet also contains purse and shoe display areas, a three-sided mirror (with a built-in Tv behind the mirror) a built-in sofa and window seat that matches elegant draperies, plenty of natural light, and custom hardware and Orren Pickell signature series cabinetry. “We included several details and features like a built-in safe with a watch winder inside, locking jewelry drawers, shoe pullouts, and a wine refrigerator,” added lead interior & cabinet designer Krista Benton. “Plus, we created a space for an art display, something that helped capture the personal tastes of our client.”



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SAVE THE DATE! PICKELL'S SPRING FLING HOME MAKEOVER SERIES



Finally, winter is over, which means it's time for your spring fling home makeover. Join us on April 18th from 1:30 to 4:30pm and discover ways to improve, brighten, renew and otherwise give your home the spring makeover it deserves. Learn how to take your kitchen from drab to fab. Take your bath from blah to spa. And that unused bedroom down the hall? It could be an office, an upstairs den, or even your private yoga studio.

Bring your plans, photographs and wish lists. Our design experts will offer advice, evaluate your space, and give you great ideas, suggestions and pointers for giving your home a fresh new look. We'll fill you in on all the latest trends, answer every last question, and take the guesswork out of what can be an overwhelming (but ultimately exhilarating) experience. Even small changes can make a big impact. And after the winter we've had isn't it about time? Can't wait to see you on April 18th!



KRISTA BENTON, LEAD CABINET DESIGNER, WONS THE CROWD AT NATIONAL KITCHEN & BATH INDUSTRY SHOW



After being named one of the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) 2015 top 30 under 30 last fall, our Lead Interior & Cabinet Designer, Krista Benton, was honored at the trade group's Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) in January. This prestigious award underscores not only Krista's broad range of skills and knowledge but also the leadership qualities she brings to the firm. "From the start, Krista has been a valuable asset to our team and clients," says Lisa Pickell, COO of Orren Pickell Building Group. "We are so proud of Krista and excited to see her continue to thrive as a design professional."

Krista, who graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design from the CIDA accredited Illinois Institute of Art-Schaumburg in 2006, oversees the design, drawings, and ordering as well as the installation for every project at CabinetWerks Design Studio, a division of Orren Pickell Building Group (OPBG).

As the lead cabinet designer, Krista's participation at KBIS enhances OPBG's standing as a premier custom homebuilder. "As a kitchen and bath professional, it's important to stay on top of the latest and greatest and what's coming out next. This is especially true when it comes to building custom homes—we're typically designing a home with the intention of ordering cabinets a year later when the house is being framed," says Krista. "This means that sometimes we're designing around appliances that aren't even on the market and won't be available until a year later when we're ready to install the kitchen."

With a constant eye on the future, Krista paid particular attention at KBIS to what's on tap for cabinetry. "Cabinetry is trending toward visually simplistic designs," she says.

This includes concealing design elements to create a clean look and implementing minimalistic elements like clean surfaces, handle-less or integrated hardware, and clean lines. "Simplicity allows the kitchen to function more efficiently," adds Krista.

Krista also discovered that workstations within the kitchen and other areas of the home are being personalized. "Clients are including specialty food workstations, like pizza-making areas in the kitchen (including outdoor kitchens), coffee stations with specialty built-in coffee makers, baking stations with specialty storage solutions, variable counter heights, and mixer cabinets," notes Krista. "Plus, adjustable islands will give home cooks more options; bar heights, for example, also will be adjustable so that a guest or a family member can lean comfortably while enjoying a glass of wine."

And the wine will be easily accessible, she says. "Wine stations, specialty built-in wine dispensers, wine storage, stemware storage will be in the kitchen or bar area."



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Whether you want to spruce up your home with new lighting or make sure everything is in working order, the Pickell team can step in now to take care of your maintenance needs. We're already scheduling spring maintenance program appointments, so please call us soon so we can enhance your investment and make sure your living environment always feels good whenever you open the door.

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KEY FEATURES

Land: \$585,000
Home & Lot: \$1,800,000
Bedrooms: 4
Bathrooms: 4.5
Subdivision: Deer Valley Estates
School Dist: Fontana J8
Total Rooms: 8
Taxes: \$5,723
MLS#: 1390330
Total Sq. footage: 3,615
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