Check Home For Hidden Closet Area

Springtime is hot water time. Soon, with the coming clean-up chores inside and outside the house, homeaprons will be called on to furnish a much greater supply. The first step in looking spring cleaning this year should be to make plenty of hot water available when needed.

Many water heaters are inadequate to meet the demands of special times and the home cleaning. In fact, many are incapable of supplying enough hot water and others are not suited to modern appliances such as automatic washers, automatic dishwashers.

For these reasons, many water heaters should be replaced. A properly sized water heater will not only give all the hot water needed, when it is needed but will also provide longer service.

Experts indicate that the more frequently hot water is drawn from the tank, the more its internal surface is exposed to dissolved oxygen. The rate of corrosion is directly related to the amount of oxygen on the metal surface of the heater.

In short, an undersized unit, pushed beyond its capacity, will wear out rapidly. Ideally, the size for a water heater should not be less than 40 gallons.

Expert Explains Why To Panel Entire Room

Do-it-yourself is an integral part of our way of life today, and this handyman skill is reflected in well-kept, modern homes. However, home owners have progressed from simple repair jobs to major home-improvement projects and skills have sharpened. Today, it is unusual to hear of handyman paneling an entire room to give it a new appearance.

The improvement director for the manufacturer of marlite paneling, has found that do-it-yourselfers like to work with 18" x 9" plastic-surfaced hardboard panels because they are easy-to-handle and apply. Only ordinary carpentry tools—bobber, saw and level—are needed.

When paneling a room, always start from a corner and work perpendicularly around the room. First tack a 1" x 2" starter strip of wood temporarily in place at the bottom of the wall, to be removed and a base molding will cover this flaw.

The planks will rest on this strip during installation. Eventually the starter strip will be removed and a base molding will cover this flaw.

Before beginning the installation, the workman applies the spacing of the planks on the wall. Then he locates the first vertical joint, by marking a plumb line the required distance from the corner. Then the first plank, if necessary, then apply adhesive to the plank and wall with a notched spreader. Place the plank in position with a 1/4" groove against the wall, then accurately fit the groove edge to tightly cover the wall. All marlites have tongue-and-groove edges to simplify installation.

Next, fasten simple metal clips over the exposed groove edges. Clips should be placed 18" apart along the groove edge. Workman emphasizes that the clips should be fitted snugly to the panel's grooved edge before being nailed to the wall.

After the clips are attached to the planks, the wall is covered with metal roofing, which will hold the planks in place, and a furring strip is then nailed to the wall. Furring strips are nailed in alternate rows, and are placed 18" apart.

Here are several other points to keep in mind when installing marlite panels:

1. Do not install the panels over a surface that is clean and dry.
2. Avoid installing the panels over a surface that is likely to be damp or wet.
3. Secure the panels with nails or screws, depending on the type of paneling.

Check with Nurseriesmen for Gardening Success

Home owners are urged to consult qualified nurseriesmen if they wish to have sound success with plants.

"Anyone can grow and select plants," says the American Association of Nurseriesmen, "but in many cases they don't know about the many interesting and valuable plants that would be best suited to your home." The majority of successful nurseriesmen are college or university graduates, specializing in ornamental horticulture or landscape architecture.

With their advice, it is far better for the home owner to grow plants that will give full returns in beauty, shade, flowers or fruits, as the need may be.

Tell the nurseryman what you want the plants for," urges the Association. "Tell him what you are trying to achieve in planting and you need his advice.

Some plants are especially recommended for specific locations. Do you wish shade at a particular spot, or to shut off sun glare from certain windows or a porch or some other area?

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