

# One Stop Shop News



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## Adding Equity to Your Home

Any remodeling you do to your home should make your life more convenient and comfortable, but it's always wise to keep in mind which remodels add the most equity. Whether your interest lies in remodeling your kitchen, adding a bathroom (especially if your home has only one), finishing your basement and attic, ensuring that your windows and doors are modern with good insulation or making the transition to alternative heating sources, One Stop Home Repair is ready to help you with all your remodeling needs. Give us a call today.

A kitchen should suit your requirements perfectly. However, the style that you choose should match the existing style of your home. Within reason, updated, modern, energy-efficient appliances always add equity.

How convenient would it be to have at least two bathrooms, especially in a two-story home? Even a half bathroom adds a lot. A bathroom doesn't require a lot of space; thirty-five square feet, minimum, for a full bath, and eleven square feet, minimum, for a half bath. A closet or the space under the staircase could be suitable as a bathroom. Of course there is always room for a bathroom in the basement.

More often than not, it's better to utilize the space you already have and use it more purposefully than to alter the footprint of your home. Depending upon the size and efficiency of its completion, an addition may not realize the kind of equity gain that re-purposing of an existing space may accomplish. A finished basement can accommodate anything from a second living room or a game room, to a few bedrooms and a bathroom. A full height attic can be converted into a bedroom or an office as well. However, were you to make these valuable improvements, it would be crucial that you not overlook the essential updates to your windows.

Energy efficient windows are a necessity. All drafty single-paned windows should be replaced with double-hung energy star rated windows. As long as you know your windows can stand up to the elements and keep cold air out, you are in the clear.

Energy efficient homes, with a heat pump or pellet stove are very desirable. Home equity is also increased when the attic is insulated and all the cracks and air leaks around electrical sockets and windows are sealed.

Above all, it's most important that you are comfortable and secure in your home. What you want from your remodel is what matters most. Call One Stop Home Repair with your ideas and dreams, let us help make them a reality. No job is too big or too small.



**Meet the Crew**  
**Robert Fago**

One Stop Home Repair has a new electrician, Robert Fago. Bob lives in Brewer with his wife, family and 2 cats.

Bob brings 40 years of experience to One Stop Home Repair. He has an AAS from Eastern Maine Community College focused on Electrical Automation. Prior to One Stop, Bob worked as a Marine Electrician and an Industrial Electrician. Most of his career, Bob has worked in commercial and residential settings.

Bob loves working with customers and likes using his excellent trouble-shooting skills to ensure all your electrical problems are solved and that you have the safest electrical system.

In his spare time, Bob enjoys spending time with his family and riding his Harley. On Mondays and Wednesdays he teaches Basic Electricity II and Blueprint Reading at EMCC.

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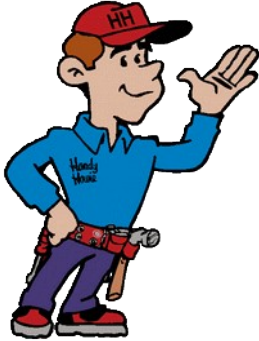


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We're always out working for you. The snow doesn't stop us. After all, we are from Maine, too!

**Ask Handy Howie**

**Who is our new master electrician?**

Help us welcome our new master electrician, Robert Fago. Bob is a Master Electrician who lives in Brewer with his family. He comes to us with 40 years of experience and teaches an Electrical Course at Eastern Maine Community College. He is very experienced in household service work, making him a great asset to our One Stop Home Repair Team.

\$25 OFF any Electrical Service Bill until March 31, 2016

**March Checklist**

- [ ] Ensure gutters are clear of debris.
- [ ] Scrape chipping exterior paint and apply a fresh coat.
- [ ] Change the batteries in smoke detectors.
- [ ] Pressure wash your deck and siding.
- [ ] Ensure your windows survived the winter.

**Heat Pumps Now Available**



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