

Home Repairs Should Be Made At First Sign Of Need

Proper care and repair of the home is more important now than ever before, FHA officials emphasize. Building materials for replacements and repairs are not always easily available, and they may be even more difficult to obtain in the future.

To the farsighted property owner, this fact should be a definite indication of the necessity for taking excellent care of his home and protecting it against destructive influences. The best method of protection is immediate attention to repairs, regardless of how small or

unimportant they may appear. If permitted to go unattended, even the smallest job may soon develop into an expensive repair bill. **No Expert Needed**

The average house is not such a complicated structure that it requires the services of an expert in determining what it needs in the way of repairs and attention.

A paint-neglected house is a house well on the way to decay and deterioration. If painted in time, it will furnish years of additional service and comfortable living, and the property will maintain its value.

The usual precautions against fire should be doubled. The utmost care should be taken with furnaces, fireplaces, electrical wiring, and heat-generating devices.

Check Heating Plants

A careful check should be made of the furnace to see that it is clean and in good working order. If it is a coal-burning furnace, extra care should be used in shaking it so as not to break the grates. If of the oil-burner type, see that it is properly adjusted to burn economically. Set the thermostat to avoid excessive temperatures, see that motors and blowers are properly oiled so that bearings will last. You may have difficulty in replacing them.

A careful check should be made of gutters and leaders to protect walls of the house from being soaked by drainage from the roof.

Repair Equipment

Electric appliances, stoves, refrigerators, and the numerous other items of home equipment in everyday use should be put in proper working order to insure their continued usefulness. Properly cared for and repaired, they will last longer and will do away with the need for replacing them.

Loans to make necessary home repairs may be obtained from qualified lending institutions on the FHA's home-repair plan. Consult your local bank or lending institution for details regarding such financing.

Proper Filler Use Important

It is advisable to acquaint yourself with the types of wood used for the interior construction of your home if you would get the best possible effect and wear. FHA officials point out:

When finishing floors, staircases, and woodwork in your new home, remember that ash, beech, birch, cherry, maple, and elm are hard woods of close grain and do not require wood filler in the finishing process. Southern or Georgia pine, though classed as hard and close-grained wood, require a liquid filler for a fine finish.

The soft woods that should be dressed with a liquid filler are basswood, cedar, redwood, poplar, cypress, Douglas fir, larch, spruce, and the white sugar, and western yellow pines. Oak, chestnut, mahogany, and walnut are wood of open grain. These call for a paste filler, applied in accordance with instructions on the can. After a quarter hour or more the excess filler should be removed with a coarse cloth rubbed across the grain of the wood.

Conversion Is Often Preferable To Building

Conversion of large old houses into units for several families is often preferable to building new homes.

An old-fashioned spacious residence can be converted into small apartments or a rooming or boarding house much faster and more economically than a new house can be built, according to Federal Housing Administration officials.

Aside from their value as a "short cut" to additional housing, these residences offer a means of providing housing for workers without adding to the supply of homes which might be "extra" after the emergency.

Convert Attic Into Extra Room

A remodeled and modernized attic has long been one of the best solutions to the problem of providing another room for the growing family with a very modest pocket-book. Today the remodeling of attic space into additional rooms has taken on added significance, FHA officials point out.

Unused or unfinished attics can easily and quickly be transformed into complete, livable rooms, offering housing accommodations to defense-industry workers. There are many large homes with unused attic space that would easily be transformed and help supply the present demand and at the same time provide the owners of the properties with additional income.

Insulating board is one of the many materials that may be used for an economical, neat and quick remodeling job on the attic. Requiring no painting, papering, or finishing, insulating board keeps the room warm in the winter and cool in summer.

Careful scrubbing or scraping, followed by a couple of coats of shellac, will make the average attic floor look like new.

Such home remodeling work may be financed on the FHA's home repair credit plan. Funds may be obtained from any approved lending institution.

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