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WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



We love it when our satisfied clients refer us to their friends and family. To show our appreciation, we send up to \$100 gas card whenever a referral results in a new client. Thank you!



Our most recent referrals were:

David Nadeau, Old Town referred Ranger Plant, Milford

Rick Lax, Millinocket referred Alice Morgan, Millinocket

Betty Lyle, Bar Harbor referred Kathy Grant, Holden

William Chute, Holden referred Catherine Billings, Dedham

Curtis Marsh, Bangor referred Ellis Sprague, Brewer

From design to disaster to delight!

Imagine having spent three months with your home under construction, anticipating a transformation from small and cramped to open and luxurious. Imagine sitting in your new space, enjoying a cup of coffee with your contractor, congratulating each other on a job well done, an end to the mess.

Imagine smelling smoke coming up from the basement. Imagine fire trucks arriving and your beautiful new home in flames. Just imagine.

That's exactly what happened to Sherri Glazier last year. What began as a new addition to increase space in her kitchen, dining room, family room and back deck, turned into quite a ride.

No sooner than the work was completed, did it have to happen all over again, plus smoke and water damage repairs to the original home's footprint.

A faulty dehumidifier was identified as the cause of the fire in the basement. In less than three minutes, the entire home was filled with smoke. Sherri and Gary Proulx, project manager, escaped the home without injury. Gary lost no time mobilizing the Keith Trembley/Paul Davis Restoration emergency response team. In addition to the fire department, Cross Insurance's owner quickly arrived; within 40 minutes, the fire was contained. Once the fire department gave the OK, the homeowners, Gary and



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the insurance company owner, went inside to assess the damage.

The emotional trauma and shock was overwhelming. The brand new, long awaited renovation was now uninhabitable. All clothing, furniture, window coverings, art work, carpeting, walls, lights—*everything* was covered in thick black soot.



Fast forward to November. To try to meet a target date of Thanksgiving, the KTB/PDR team worked feverishly to restore the home, including cleaning everything, storing all furnishing in temporary storage trailers on site, repainting all rooms in the home, replacing floor coverings and much more.

Because every room needed attention, new pastel colors were selected to complement restored art work. Out of a tragedy was born a stunning new home. And, yes, Thanksgiving was celebrated at home that November, thanks to the KTB/PDR team. (More photos online at KeithTrembley.com.)



Check us out!

In addition to remodeling our website, KeithTrembley.com, we've added some new features including a blog where you can see a video of a demolition and a video on YouTube when we were given a special award (youtube.com/KTBPDRMAINE). And don't forget to join our Twitter account (twitter.com/KTBPDRMAINE). Get connected; see you online!



Home upgrades worth a tax break

Making energy-efficient home improvements will not only cut your cooling costs this summer but can also provide a sizable break on your tax bill come tax season. Thanks to the new economic stimulus package, consumers can receive tax credits for up to 30% of the cost to make energy-efficiency improvements to their homes, such as adding insulation or replacing windows. The maximum \$1,500, one-time-only credit is a significant jump from the \$500 offered in years past and will be available through 2010.

Add insulation

Insulation is the cheapest home improvement that qualifies for the tax credits and you could save up to 20% on your energy bills.

Replace windows and doors

Windows, doors and skylights need a label from the National Fenestration Rating Council that says their U-factor—a measure of how well

they'd keep heat from escaping—is no more than 0.30. The label also needs to list a solar heat gain coefficient, or SHGC, which measures how much of the sun's heat penetrates into the home, of no more than 0.30.

Replace older air conditioning systems

To qualify, central air conditioners need a seasonal energy efficiency ratio, or SEER, which measures the efficiency of central air, of at least 16 and an energy efficiency rating, or EER, which tracks how it operates once the outdoor temperature reaches 95 degrees, of at least 13.

Replace old roofing

Assuming your roof is around 15 years old, replacing it with a metal or asphalt roof that meets Energy Star requirements will help keep your home cool by reflecting the sun's heat.

Call Keith Trembley Builders to learn more about the tax credits: **888-869-9395**

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