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GENERAL

Blueprint for Safety - Info on how to make homes more disaster-resistant

This Old House - This Old House

Consumer Reports - Consumer Reports Site

How Stuff Works - How Stuff Works, tons of great info

Home Risk - Seismic Evaluation - Assess your homes seismic risk for Free

Product Recalls - Provides up-to-date consumer home safety information

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) - The National Flood Insurance Program

State Home Inspector Regulatory Legislation - ASHI provided State Inspector Regulations

US Consumer Product Safety Commission - CPSC - Consumer Product Safety Commission

US Consumer Product Safety Commission - CSPC - Consumer Product Database

APPLIANCES

<u>Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers</u> - Association of Home Appliance Manufactures

ATTIC

Asbestos and Vermiculite Insulation - EPA Q & A Asbestos and Vermiculite Insulation

BUILDING CODES

<u>International Code Council</u> - ICC - Information on Building and local codes

All NFPA Codes and Standards - National Fire Protection Council

Electric Code Information and Forum - National Electric Code Internet Connection

<u>U.S. Energy Codes</u> - U.S. Department of Energy's Building Energy Codes Program

CHIMNEYS

<u>Chimney Safety Institute of America</u> - Great resource for Chimney facts and more

Wiki Chimney Article - Wikipedia Article on Chimneys

CONCRETE

American Concrete Institute - American Concrete Institute Concrete Resources

Wiki Concrete Article - Wikipedia Concrete Article

ELECTRICAL

Aluminum Wiring - CPSC - CPSC Safety Recommendations For Aluminum Wiring In Homes

Arc-Fault Protection - CPSC - Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter (AFCI) PDF Fact Sheet

How does a GFCI Outlet Work? - How GFCI Outlets Work

How Circuit Breakers Work - How Circuit Breakers Work

Federal Pacific Components - Code Check - Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Codes

<u>Is My Electric Panel Safe</u> - Is My Electric Panel Safe

InspectAPedia - Aluminum Wiring Info

eLocalElectricians - Aluminum Wiring Info from an expert source

EXTERIOR

<u>Painting - Sherwin-Williams</u> - Sherwin-Williams Site - Great info on Painting for Homeowners and Professionals

<u>Decks- Deck Magazine</u> - Deck Builder On-Line - source of information for building decks, docks, and the railing industry

FIRE SAFETY

<u>Fire Science</u> - Fire Science Education, Degrees & Career Information

Fire Safety - Information and Resources for the Elimination of Fire Deaths

Wildfire Safety - Resources for Reducing the Risk of Wildland Fires

<u>U.S. Fire Administration</u> - US Fire Administration FEMA Agency - Resources for Firefighters and Citizens

National Fire Protection Assn (NFPA) - Resource for Fire, Electrical and Building Safety

Garage Doors

<u>DASMA</u> - Door and Accesss Systems Manufacturers Association Safety and Maintenance Tips

HEATING AND COOLING

ASHRAE - American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers

HVAC Talk - HVAC-Talk: Heating, Air & Refrigeration Discussion - Forum

HVAC Venting part 1 - HVAC webconnection.com

HVAC Venting part 2 - HVAC webconnection.com

Heat Exchanger Experts - Heat Exchanger Experts

<u>Air Conditioning Contractors of America</u> - Industry Association with Info, Tips, Technical and Education

<u>Plumbing Heating & Cooling Contractors Assn</u> - Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association How Does a Heat Pump Work? - How does a Heat Pump Work?

DOE Info on Heat Pumps - US Department of Energy Consumers Guide to Heat Pump Systems

Flexible Ductwork - Air Diffusion Council - North America's Leading Manufacturers of Flexible Air

Ducts and Air Connectors

Easy Heat Inc. - Radiant Heating - Electrical Solutions To Cold Weather Problems

INTERIOR CONCERNS

<u>National Kitchen and Bath Association</u> - Consumer and Contractor Information on Kitchens and Bathrooms

<u>American Lighting Association</u> - Lighting and Ceiling Fan Manufacturers, Showrooms, and Pro Residential Lighting Designers

American Indoor Air Quality Council - Information on Indoor Air Quality and Certification

LEAD POISONING

NSC – Lead Poisoning Information - National Safety Council Fact Sheet (PDF) on Lead Poisoning

LOG HOMES

Log Home Info - Log Homes Links to detailed Log Home Information

MANUFACTURED HOMES

<u>Manufactured Housing Institute</u> - Consumer and Developer Resources and Links <u>Manufactured Housing Global Network</u> - How To Buy a Manufactured Home

MOLD

<u>EPA Mold Guide</u> - A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, in Your Home (PDF)

<u>National Association of Home Builders Mold Tips</u> - Household Mold Resource Center

<u>National Center for Environmental Health</u> - CDC Mold Resources and Infomation

PLUMBING

<u>A-Ball.com</u> - Excellent Plumping Supply Resource

The Plumber.com - The Plumbing Site for Plumbers and DIYS'rs

Polyethylene Pipe - The Polybutylene Pipe Settlement Fund

LOVE Plumbing - Expert Advice on Plumbing and Remodeling Projects

REMODELING

National Association of the Remodeling Industry - Fantastic Resource for any Remodeling Project

ROOFING

<u>Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association</u> - Information Resource Related to Asphalt Roofing <u>Metal Roofing Alliance</u> - Provides a Wealth of Information to Assist in Making Educated Roofing Decisions

<u>National Roofing Contractors Association</u> - Information, Education, Technology and Advocacy on the Roofing Industry

RoofHelp.Com - Library, Glossary, Hints & Tips and More

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

How Septic and Sewer Systems Work - Sewer Systems by How Stuff Works

SIDING

Brick Industry Association - The Starting Point for all things Brick

ABITIBI Lawsuits - Hardwood Siding Class Action Lawsuit Recovery

Vinyl Siding Institute - Vynyl Siding Institute Resource and More

EPA Managing Asbestos in Place (PDF)

Vinyl Siding Installation Manual - Vinyl Siding Installation Manual

SYNTHETIC STUCCO (EIFS)

EIFS Stucco: About Home

Exterior Design Institute

EIFS Industry Members Association (EIMA)

Masonry Stone Veneer Information

Stucco Woes - The Perfect Storm

TERMITES & WOOD DESTROYING ORGANISMS

National Pest Management Association (NPMA)

Orkin Termite Identification Guide

Boric Acid Based Termidicides

Iowa State Entomology - ISU Entomology Dept. Resources.

Controlling Termites & Carpenter Ants - UMass

WATER HEATERS

General Information and Troubleshooting

Thermal Expansion Devices

WINDOWS

American Architectural Manufacturers Assn (AAMA)

National Fenestration Rating Council

The Glass Guru

Federal Information Sources

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Energy
- Public Health Service
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- Bonneville Power Administration
- General Services Administration
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- EPA Regional Offices
- Federal Emergency Management Agency

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