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## Spring is Here

I think we can finally say that spring is near and say goodbye to the cold, well at least the really cold. This spring has a couple of deadlines and opportunities for home owners. The first is that last November the new home tax credit was extended and opened up to existing home owners ([click here](#) for more info). Also, as part of the Stimulus plan, Minnesota is offering a rebate program on new energy efficient appliances that started today. Follow this link for more information [www.mnappliancerebate.com/](http://www.mnappliancerebate.com/). If you have any questions on these rebates or any of your home improvements please remember that we are here to answer them. [Click Here](#) to contact us



## Outdoor Living

I don't know if you have noticed but the last two projects that we have featured have been decks. I wanted to do this to get you thinking of your outdoor living space. The weather is warming up and if you're like me you can't wait to get outside and enjoy the spring. There are a lot, and I mean A LOT of new decking and outdoor products on the market right now. Most of which are stronger, better looking and require lower maintenance than their predecessors. From decking, to railings, to composite pavers you have a lot of choices when it comes to your outdoor living space. You can create an area designed specifically for your needs and how you want to use it. Plus, if you are trying to stay on a budget you can usually use these products to give your space a face lift. In most cases you can go over your existing structure. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Monthly Special

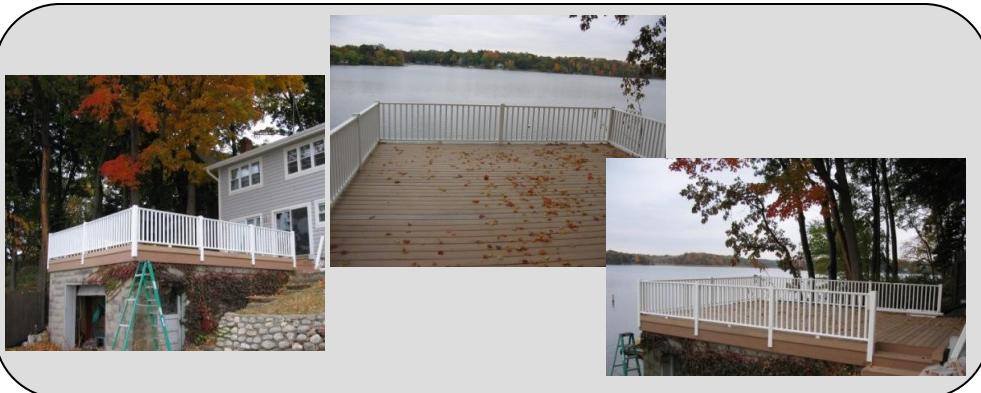
Free roof & gutter inspection with any signed contract in March!

## Keep Your Basement Dry This Spring.

We are approaching the worst time of year when it comes to basement flooding and dampness. There are a couple of reasons and some simple steps that you can take to avoid a wet mess. The reason why spring is so prone to basement leakage is that while the air temperature is getting warmer the frost is still embedded in the ground. This is important because frost does not absorb the rain or melting snow that is around your home. This means that the water is going to run on top of the ground downhill to the lowest point, and if that is your foundation wall you are in trouble. The two main areas that you need to look at are your gutters (or lack of) and the grading around your home. You need to make sure that the water that is coming off of your house is being directed away from your foundation by your (clean) gutters and once it hits the ground it is flowing downhill, away from your house. If you address these two areas you are most likely going to have a dry basement this spring.

## Featured Project

This deck was built over a boathouse and started with a new rubber roof. The deck is comprised of Trex decking with hidden fasteners, aluminum reinforced vinyl railing and an incredible view.



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