

Going Up Stairs Getting You Down?

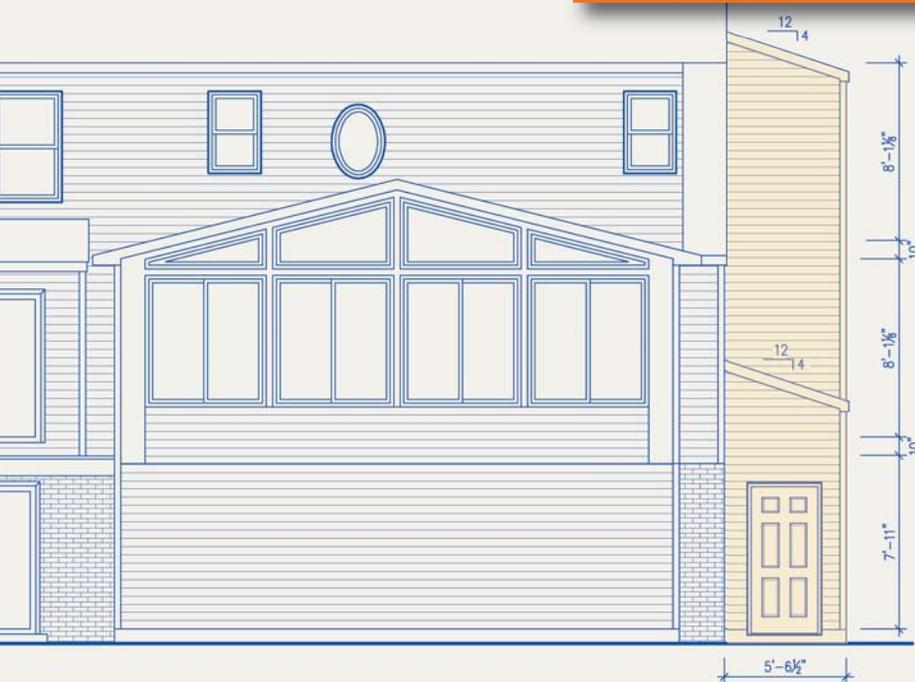
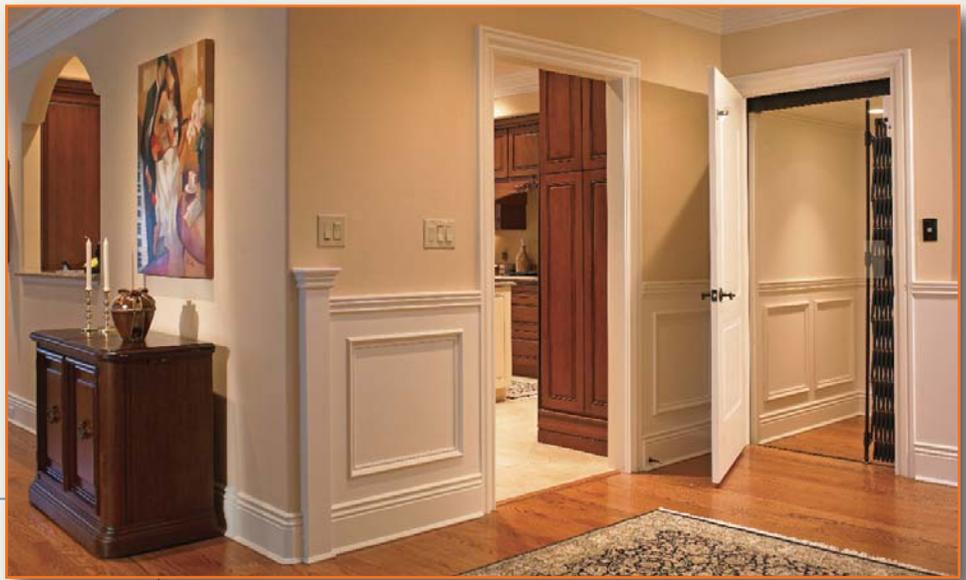
Perhaps it is time to consider installing an elevator. For homeowners that are planning on staying in their home well into their retirement years, getting from floor to floor can be made easier and convenient. For a person with bad knees or other disabilities, it allows them to have access to the whole house. For everyone else, it just makes life easier. No more lugging laundry and other heavy items up and down stairs... which can be dangerous.

Elevators can be installed in a shaft or in open areas. They require far less space than a stairway; as little as 15 sq. ft.

When interior space is limited, an exterior shaft can be added on the outside, as in the installation we are currently doing for a client (see drawing). Elevator cars can

include doors on three sides which adds to their flexibility.

Need a lift? One of our designers will be happy to develop a solution for you.



In-shaft

No shaft

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Home Elevator

"We live in a house with six levels and never saw it as a problem until my wife fell and broke her ankle. She spend two months confined to one level."



Developing a Master Remodeling Plan Pays Big Dividends Down the Road

It is not unusual for a homeowner to call us in to discuss a kitchen or bathroom remodel and in the course of discussing that project, they say, "Down the road we want to add a second floor, build a garage or rip out walls and redo the floorplan." This is especially true with young families that plan on staying in their home for several years.

A smart investment for families with ambitious remodeling plans is to let us develop a master design plan that allows them to remodel in phases as budget and needs change. We can save you money and avoids having the house end up looking disjointed. Ask any realtor, a poorly remodeled house is a tough sell.

For example, if the homeowner is

remodeling the kitchen first, and wants to add a garage or porch later, the plan will include space for the interior egress that might be desired when the new space is added. Often electrical wiring and plumbing can be planned in such a way as to minimize problems when another part of the plan is implemented. Even foundation work done early on can reduce future costs for additions, decks and porches.

Most of all, the homeowners benefit from having our designers look at and design from the broader perspective of a long term plan. Invariably, opportunities to add a mud room or storage space arise that end up making the home more comfortable and useful than the homeowner may have thought possible.



Popular Trends

More and more homeowners are asking themselves, "Why should I carry the dirty laundry down to the basement and have to carry it up one or two flights of stairs to put it away in the bedrooms?" The solution is often simple, let us convert space upstairs to a **laundry closet**. Even when space is hard to come by, we can install over/under units that really don't require much space at all.

