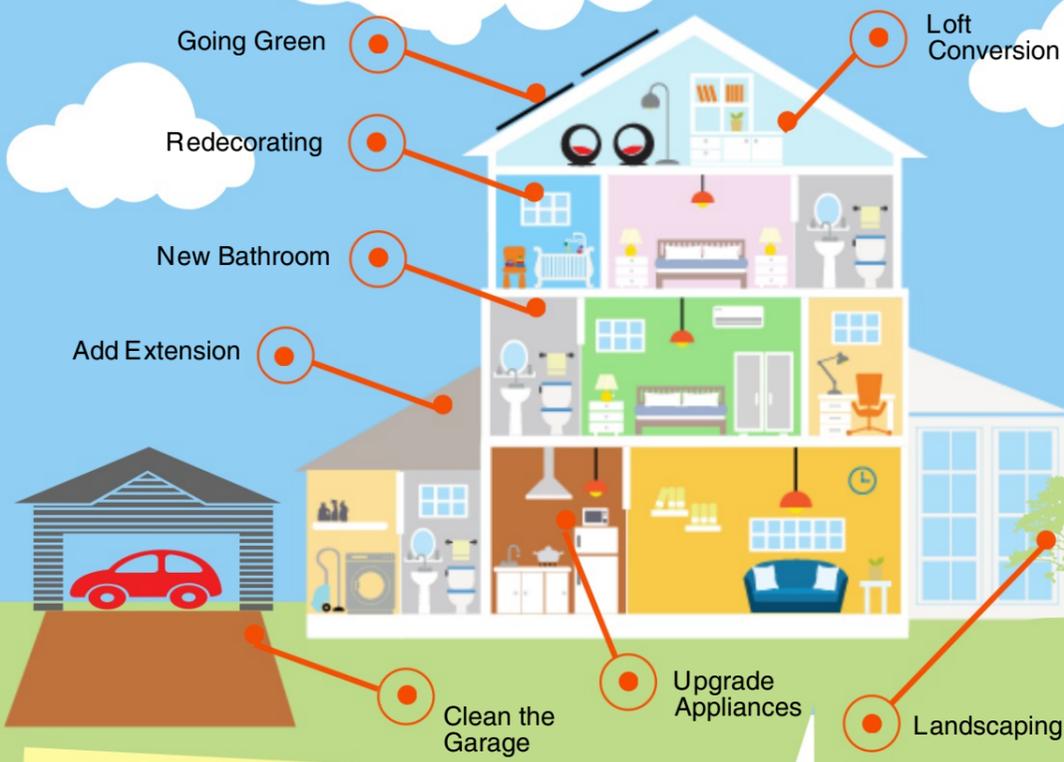


# Spring Home Improvement Tips



## ☑ Plant a tree.

Spring and fall are the best times to plant trees because wet weather and cooler temperatures make it easier for root systems to get established.

Be sure to check with your local nursery to determine which species will do best in your microclimate and to get detailed planting instructions.

If your area has a late date of last frost, you may need to wait until all threat of it has passed before planting.



## Inspect your home's exterior.



Once winter storms have passed, carefully inspect the exterior of your home for damage. If you had an ice dam on your roof during the winter, now is the time to repair any damage it caused, and make changes to your roof to prevent ice dams in the future.

## Spruce up the kitchen

Get a new look in your kitchen. Re-do your counters for a luxury look with a budget price with faux marble and granite.

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## Simplify the table.

Cupboards feeling overstuffed? Simplify your life by paring back on dishes and glassware, letting go of mismatched and chipped pieces and sets you no longer love or use often.

## Clean slipcovers and soft furnishings



Smaller slipcovers and washable rugs can be laundered at home; drop off larger pieces with professionals. When laundering items at home, be sure to check the instructions carefully and err on the side of caution. Most items like curtains and slipcovers can be put back while damp — for the best fit and to prevent wrinkles.

## Make a Garden

There's still time to get your garden growing!

Sketch out a plan and jot down ideas for this year's plantings, as well as any ideas you have for changes to the hardscape, like putting in a new path or fence.

Start some seeds indoors, or pick up seedlings at your local nursery.