

12 new Home construction Features To Consider Adding To Your "Wish List"

There is so much to consider when building a home. Whether you are building your primary residence or a vacation home, these tips may help.

1) **Electrical outlets:**

- **In the mantel:** A must-have to plug in holiday decorations.
- **On the kitchen island:** best place under the counter
- **Under each window:** Similar to the mantel outlet
- **Bathroom or laundry closet:** For plugging in shavers, dust busters, etc.
- **Bedroom:** Extra non-switched outlet(s) at the bedside for phones, iPods, laptops, etc.
- **Under the vanity in the bathroom.** Not as weird as it sounds.
- **In the roof soffits:** Here I go again with the Holiday lights...
- **In the garden:** Beats running an extension cord

2) **Heated garage, saves on overall heat cost**

3) **Hot water faucet in the garage us guys love this**

4) **Drain in the garage floor**

5) **Radiant floor heating always great to have**

6) **Driveway alarm makes knowing someone's here before they get to the door.**

7) **Mudroom this is a must**

8) **Cold Temp and Water Leak Alarms**

9) **Standby Backup Generator:** Whether you actually buy the generator when you move in, or you wait til another time, having your home pre-wired to accept a standby generator is a great thing to do.....and much easier to take care of during initial electrical setup. Just having the wiring in place improves your home's value.

10) **Wiring for extras like speakers** (indoor and outdoor), security systems, etc.

Again, whether you add these things on move-in or prep for later, running wire before sheetrock/drywall is way better than after.

11) **Outdoor ceiling fans** - Fans in 3-season porches

12) **Empty PVC pipe under the driveway:** You never know what you are going to want to fish under your driveway one day. Invisible dog fence wire? Electrical? Who knows.