

Weather-Worn Summer Home Shipshape Again

Sometimes an old seaside home—like a hearty, but weatherworn boat—needs only a "fitting out" to make it shipshape.

Many waterfront dwellings, in fact, boast venerable virtues. They're sturdy, spacious, and have a sort of unpretentious charm. Remodelers of such homes should chart a careful course, so as not to lose the best of the old when adding new comforts and convenience.

One example of successful remodeling is a home on Barnegat Bay, 11 rooms, a large sun porch, and second-floor balconies front and rear. But, after half a century, the house has lost much of its vigor and visual appeal.

Owner Robert E. Lang felt it also lacked graciousness, warmth, and facilities for entertainment. He and architect Raymond P. Dinklage decided on extensive modernization within the nostalgic framework of a "cottage at the shore."

Updating required some interior and exterior redesign. Dramatic changes were made with new windows and gliding patio doors.

For example, old windows and doors leading to the rear balcony were narrow and heavily-framed. Replacing them with modern gliding glass patio doors immediately sunlit the rooms, gave them wide views of the bay, and made the balcony more accessible.

Patio doors were chosen for their low-maintenance and insulating qualities. The "doors" vinyl-clad wood frames and panels won't need painting, and will not rust or corrode even in the area's abrasive salt air and seasonal weather extremes.

Insulating safety glass assures year-round comfort. Similar magic was wrought on the sun porch. Nondescript jalousies were replaced with casement windows, whose tall slim lines bestow an air of classic elegance. The three newly-windowed walls flooded the porch with sunshine, open-easily to admit tangy breezes, and frame a spectacular seascape.

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An adjoining utility area became a breakfast room, featuring a new vinyl-clad, traditionally-styled angle bay window. The window is "curtained" from the street by greenery that fills the interior sill and hangs from ceiling baskets.

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AFTER 50 YEARS, this stolid seaside home was showing its age. It lacked modern convenience and needed freshening up. Some



exterior re-design, sunny new decor and windows brightened and refurbished the old home.

Tips On Watering Container Plants

Doing a good job of watering container plants involves a little more than just holding a hose over a flowerpot.

Here are some tips from Michigan State University horticulturists to help you:

- There's no set rule on how often container plants should be watered. It depends on things like the size and type of container, where it's located, the soil and the climate. Basically, though, soil in a container needs watering more often than soil in a garden bed.
- Don't let the root ball get too dry, or it will shrink away from the sides of the container and the water will run down the sides instead of soaking into the soil. If this happens, scratch the soil around the edges of the container and let the loosened soil fill the cracks. Another method is to add new soil and soak with water until the root ball is saturated. Or, if the container is small enough, you can submerge it in a bucket of water and leave it there until the air bubbles stop.
- Soak the root ball of a container plant. Don't water it from above, because the foliage will deflect some of the water.
- Don't blast the plant with strong jets of water. Use a hose without a watering tube or a watering can.
- Use hose extensions (curved metal tubes equipped with valves) to reach hanging container plants.

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Summer Bulbs Need Tender Care While Blooming

Summer bulbs such as dahlias, gladioli, lilies, etc., need special attention even when they're flowering, according to Dr. J. Lee Taylor, extension horticulturist at Michigan State University.

"Pull weeds by hand when possible," recommends Taylor. Surface roots and stems may be injured by a hoe or other weeding tool.

Normal rainfall usually provides enough moisture for summer flowering bulbs. During dry weather, soak the ground thoroughly at weekly intervals.

When plants bloom, fertilize them lightly with 5-10-5 fertilizer. Use no more than one half pound for a five by 10 foot flower bed or apply a light ring around each plant.

"Many flower beds will be fertile enough from fertilizer used on other plants grown in the bed," says Taylor. "Be sure to keep fertilizer off the leaves and away from bulbs and roots because it will burn them."

"Avoid using high nitrogen fertilizers. Bulbs decay when too much nitrogen is used at one time," explains Taylor. Decay is unlikely when you use bonemeal, because it releases nitrogen slowly.

Apply bonemeal at flowering time. Use no more than three pounds for a five by 10 foot bed. Mix it thoroughly into the soil.

When flowers fade, cut them off to prevent seed formation. Seeds take stored food from the bulb.

After the leaves turn yellow, dig the bulbs and store them for replanting the next year. Destroy the dead stems and foliage of the plants. Foliage left on the ground may carry disease to new growth the next year, warns Taylor.

Hot Water At Twist Of A Knob

One of the conveniences available to the homemaker today is a hot water dispenser that provides teakettle hot water. There's no more waiting for a teakettle to come to boil on the kitchen range.

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