

# Home Goals

## Why set goals for your home?

Whether you have a new or older home, circumstances change and our living requirements continually evolve. Whether it is an update to the kitchen, the addition of a room or essential repairs, writing goals is the way to achieve your vision.

Anticipating what you want and need and then writing goals based on that information, is the key to keeping your home current with your lifestyle. It has been said that a goal is a dream with a deadline. Since our homes are a central part of our lives, it's important that we create a vision and establish goals for them.



## Envisioning your goals

Planning short, mid and long-term goals will help you get a complete picture of what you want to achieve.

### Short-term Goals (within 90 days)

- Example: Your kitchen is looking a little dated and you want to spruce it up.
- Goal: Paint the kitchen and purchase new appliances by month's end.

### Mid-term Goals (3-18 months)

- Example: Your family is growing and your current home will not provide enough space.
- Goal: Add a bedroom to your home or purchase a larger home by the end of next year.

### Long-term Goals (18 months—as far out as you can plan!)

- Example: You've grown to a point of financial success and would like to spend more of your free time in the countryside.
- Goal: Purchase a vacation home in the mountains within 5 years.

## Goal writing *There are essential components to setting successful goals.*

### Goals need to:

#### Be written down

- What gets written down gets done. Writing goals provides direction and helps you to develop a strategy.

#### Be very specific

- Writing specific and detailed goals helps you better understand your wants and needs.
- Rather than *to remodel the kitchen*, a more specific goal would be *to paint walls, replace refrigerator and install granite counter tops*. With this you are creating a specific call to action.

#### Be measured

- Ideally, a goal should include a time-line as to when you will meet certain milestones.
- For example, *to lay new sod, plant shrubbery and paint the exterior* is better than *to make house look pretty*, because you can check the items off your list as they are completed.

#### Have deadlines

- Every goal should have a deadline. An open-ended goal does not create a sense of urgency.

#### Be constantly re-evaluated

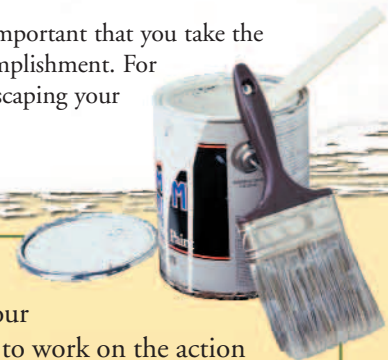
- As you work toward a goal, your situation may change. You will want to make sure that your goals are still attainable and realistic.
- Ask the questions:
  1. "Can I achieve this goal given the time-frame?"
  2. "Is this goal relevant to my current situation?"

#### Be rewarded

- When you achieve a goal, it is important that you take the time to acknowledge your accomplishment. For example, if you've finished landscaping your backyard, throw a barbeque.

## Getting it done

The key to staying happy in your home is to make sure it changes as you do. Writing goals for your home provides a blueprint for future needs. Once you've written down what you want, you can go to work on the action steps. On the reverse side you'll find a worksheet to get you started.



# Goals Worksheet:

Short-term • Mid-term • Long-term

Take a few minutes to jot down some quick goals about your home. You can use this worksheet to give you a few ideas to get started. Post this in a prominent place as a reminder of the goals you've set.  
Dare to dream!

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