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## Too cold to paint?

Now that the weather has gotten colder many people often wonder if it is too cold to paint their home exterior. The general rule of thumb is that oil based paint can be applied when temperatures are between 40° and 90° and latex paint between 50° and 85°. However, Swell Contractors uses Sherwin Williams SuperPaint and A-100 and the minimum temperature for these products is 35°.

## Paint Disposal

Latex paint is not toxic and can be disposed by home owners. Remove lid from can and let paint dry or pour on newspaper to dry and place in trash can. Another option would be to mix with fresh or leftover cat litter and place in double lined bag to throw in trash can.



## Bathroom Remodeling

The perfect winter remodeling project for you to consider is your master bathroom. Imagine yourself soaking in a nice hot drawn bath. Do you like what you see?

There are many modern style tiles and stones that together with modern fixtures can give your bathroom that 5 star luxurious feel. Next, install some waynescot paneling with chair rail moulding to add texture and depth to a smaller space. And last but not least, add fresh paint in a shade that is trending with modern accessories.

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## MARKET UPDATE



### Tracking Atlanta's Remodeling Trends

The Atlanta real estate market has been very active in 2017. We have worked on many projects that were staged for sale. We also worked on bargain buys that needed a modern remodel for the new owners. The following are three trends that we have witnessed that will surely continue into 2018.

- White kitchen cabinets
- Shades of gray paint
- Wood look tile flooring

Purchasing new custom cabinets is a major investment that is typically only done with new construction. Many people choose to paint existing cabinets white and update the hardware to something more modern like a brushed nickel bar handle.

Anyone selling their home will tell you that realtors and stagers recommend shades of gray to provide a neutral color. Darker shades are good for well lit rooms and lighter shades for darker rooms. White gloss trim gives a clean sophisticated look to makes your rooms pop.

Hardwood floors are always preferred over carpet. In many of the projects that we have worked on we have noticed that many people are refinishing existing hardwood floors and retaining in darker colors.

When it comes to the kitchen however, a very popular choice has been porcelain tiles that look like wood. This gives the durability of a tile that can withstand dropped food or spilled liquids and is easy to clean. It also provides a better option than other types of tiles to match the style of your hardwood floors.

Porcelain wood like tiles come in a wide range of available colors and sizes that will match any style whether it is contemporary, rustic, traditional or modern.

Swell Contractors can refinish your kitchen cabinets, install stone countertops, tile your floors and backsplash, and of course paint your entire interior any shade of gray. Or you may choose from our pallet of Sherwin Williams colors. If you prefer Benjamin Moore colors we can match that too. No project is too big or too small. ***Whether you are preparing to sell your home, recently purchased or just need a change, we can help!***

