

# The Brillo Pad

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## Homeowners Advisory Board

Would you like to be a part of the Brillo Team, voice your opinion on what you think is important to homeowners and win great prizes? If so, why not join the Homeowners Advisory Board. All you need is a computer and about five minutes to pre-register.

Brillo is looking for a core group of previous clients to provide feedback on topics of interest to current homeowners as well as about future marketing ideas. Most sessions will be conducted via online surveys.

Interested? Here's how to pre-register:

- Visit us at [www.brillohomeimprovements.com](http://www.brillohomeimprovements.com)
- Go to the NEWS link on top
- Click on the HOT TOPICS link
- Click on HOMEOWNERS ADVISORY BOARD link
- Enter the username and password – Both are "BRILLO"
- Complete the pre-registration questionnaire

It's that easy but don't delay; deadline to pre-register is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Those selected to the Board will be notified via email. A Homeowners Advisory Board luncheon will be held in the near future. There, you will meet fellow Board members, share your thoughts and opinions on current remodeling topics and receive a complimentary lunch. Further commitments may include online and phone surveys.

Pre-register today and become a voice within the remodeling industry. And don't forget about the great prizes...your choice of four hours of handyman services, four hours of design services or a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant.

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## Featured Project

One of the first projects to be tackled when this client purchased a home out of foreclosure was the dark, musty and moldy full bath. The request was for an updated, naturally lit bathroom on a tight budget.

By using a Swanstone surround and a Veritek tub we helped the client to stay within budget while creating an updated appearance.

A white pedestal sink and toilet were added and an unexposed glass block window was replaced with a 36" x 36" vented glass block panel that allows natural light into the small 5' x 6-1/4' bath.

The subfloor system had to be rebuilt due to extensive rot and steel floor supports were reinforced with wood joists. Black marble tile was installed on the floor to emphasize contrast within it and the white fixtures. Polished chrome was repeated throughout the space. Laticrete Spectralock epoxy grout was used since it is very durable and does not need to be sealed.

An overhead fixture provides task lighting over the sink and a fan/light/heat unit was also installed.

The client budget of under \$15,000 was met and a naturally lit, updated bathroom was created.

Visit our website for more info on this and many other award-winning projects.



This dark, musty and moldy bathroom needed a major overhaul.



White fixtures with polished chrome, a Swanstone surround, Veritek tub and black marble tile flooring are featured in the new small full bath.



## Egress Windows

Egress window bid requests have skyrocketed, from a handful in previous years to dozens just this year. Here are some Uniform Dwelling Code facts you need to know if you are considering turning basement space into living space.

- Natural light is required in at least 8% of the bedroom (not including closets).
- The window must have a clear opening through it (no obstructions of 20" x 24" in width or height).
- Clear opening must start at no more than 46" off of the floor unless a permanent stair is fixed below the window.
- Window well must project a minimum of 36" out from the wall exterior to allow for room to crawl out of window.

Generally, this type of alteration is between \$4,000 and \$7,000 with much product to select from. It can be an inexpensive way to gain more usable living space. If you are interested in finding out more, please call or email us for a personalized bid.

## Homes for Our Troops

We are proud to join in the building of a new home for SPC Jason M. Schulz in Eagle, Wisconsin. Army SPC Jason M. Schulz was returning from a vehicle recovery mission in November 2007 when the Salvage and Recovery Wrecker he was riding in struck an IED in Mosul, Iraq. The blast ripped through the door on the right side of the truck, hitting the location where SPC Schulz was seated, resulting in the loss of both of his legs. Several of our business partners have also made commitments to this worthy cause.

Homes for Our Troops is a non-profit, non-partisan, 501 (c)(3) organization founded in 2004 that is strongly committed to helping those who have selflessly given to their country and have returned home with serious disabilities and injuries. They assist severely injured Servicemen and Women and their immediate families by raising donations of money, building materials and professional labor and then coordinating the process of building a new home or adapting an existing home for handicapped accessibility. The finished home is then given to the veteran.

Brillo is donating 72 hours of labor to the build and our carpenters are also donating personal labor hours. Please visit our website and click on the Homes for Our Troops link on our homepage for more information about this organization and SPC Schulz's project.



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We hope you enjoy receiving our quarterly newsletter. Our intent is to not only tell us about happenings within our company but also to provide you with useful information. Beginning next year, we will no longer mail our newsletter. Instead, we will begin sending it via email. This will be done in an effort to not only cut costs, but also to catch up with technology. More information will be included in future issues of The Brillo Pad.

Thanks for being our client and remember...For award winning home remodeling and about as down to earth of an approach as you're gonna find...Brillo, Brillo, Brillo!

  
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