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# 10 HOME REPAIRS YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN

DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU SELL! USE YOUR EXTRA FREE TIME TO GET STARTED ON THESE 10 DIY PROJECTS NOW

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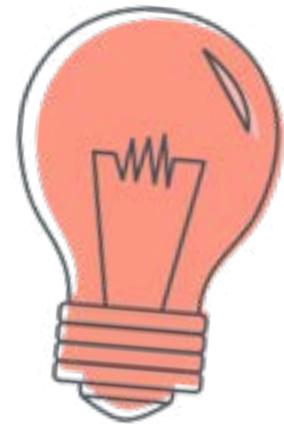
Hardware stores are still open! Why not use this time to work on minor tasks that you've been putting off? It can be as simple as replacing burnt out lightbulbs or, if you're up for a challenge, fixing that leaky sink or patching up any holes in the walls. We've outlined 10 DIY projects to help you get started:

## ① WEATHERSTRIP EXTERIOR DOORS

Check your exterior doors to see if there is any light escaping beneath them. If there is, chances are that air is also getting out. You can fix this by taking self-adhesive [rubber foam weatherstripping](#) and sealing all outside doors. This [article](#) will show you exactly how to do it.

## ② REPLACE BURNT OUT LIGHTBULBS

Walk around your home and take an inventory of which light bulbs need to be replaced, both indoors and outside. This is an easy task that can make your home feel more bright and inviting. [Learn](#) how to pick the best lightbulb for each room.



## ③ REVIVE A DEAD LAWN

It doesn't have to cost you a fortune to get a bright green, perfectly manicured lawn. You can bring any dead patches back to life with some grass seed, lawn food, water, and some care. Growing a lush lawn is about [knowing what to give the grass and when](#) to give it. Fresh green grass will enhance your home's curb appeal in the front yard and create a great space for entertaining in the backyard.

## ④ FIX LEAKING PIPES

If you have a leaking plumbing pipe, it's important to fix it before it causes serious damage. Leaks are common around drains, sinks, toilets, bathtubs and showers. [Here](#) is how you can fix each of these leaks.

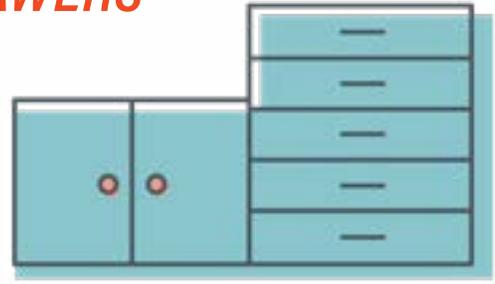


## ⑤ PATCH HOLES IN THE WALLS

Any knicks in the wall from moving furniture or holes from multiple attempts trying to hang a painting? Take some time to fill those holes with a fast-drying spackle or joint compound, and then paint over them to give your wall a smooth look. You can save time fixing larger holes by using a [self-adhesive patch](#) and joint compound. Here is a [step-by-step guide](#) on how to repair a wall with holes of various shapes and sizes.

## ⑥ *FIX LOUD CABINET DOORS & DRAWERS*

Use peel-and-stick bumpers on cabinet doors or drawers that bang shut to minimize the sound. The key is to make sure the area is clean before applying the bumper so that it will stick. You can get a pack of 75 for just a few dollars on [Amazon](#).

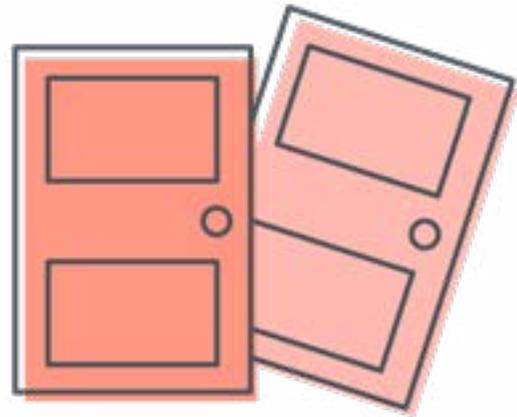


## ⑦ *CAULK AND GROUT YOUR BATHROOM*

[Recaulking a bathtub or shower](#) and [regrouting wall tiles](#) may seem like a daunting job, but it can easily be done at home without help from a pro. Make sure to repair any missing caulk around the bathtub or broken grout in order to avoid water damage.

## ⑧ *REPLACE OLD DOORS*

Upgrade your home's look by replacing any worn-out doors inside. Swapping out and hanging a new door is easier than you would think. [This video](#) shows you how to install an interior door on your own with the right tools. Changing your door handles is another easy way to improve your home's appearance.



## ⑨ *CLEAN A SMELLY WASHING MACHINE OR DISHWASHER*

If your washing machine has started having a strange smell, run a cycle with a [mold-killing tablet](#) and leave the door open to dry for a bit. You can clean a bad smelling dishwasher in a similar way. Start by cleaning food scraps from the tub and run a cycle with just a dishwasher cleaner.

## ⑩ *TREAT HARD-WATER BUILDUP ON FAUCETS*

You can easily remove hard-water buildup on your faucet with this simple trick. All you need is half of a lemon, a small plastic bag, and a rubber band. Put the lemon on the end of the faucet and wrap the plastic band around it. Secure everything with the rubber band. Remove the lemon after a few hours and you'll be good to go!

