Fall in the air! Along with changing leaves and pumpkin patches, the beautiful fall weather brings the opportunity to accomplish some great remodeling projects around your home!

**Roof Repair or Replacement**
Roofing is hard work, and it’s even harder in scorching hot or below freezing temperatures. Aside from these temperatures making the job less enjoyable, they are also less conducive for the best possible outcome. When it is too hot or cold, the self-sealing strips can fail to take hold. In extreme heat, adhesive can dry out and in extreme cold shingles can become brittle. The ideal temperature for roofing is between 50 and 70 degrees; sounds like perfect fall weather!

**Exterior Painting**
While exterior painting can be performed during summer, fall makes the task a little bit more bearable without the intense sun beaming down on you. With improved paint technology, you can do exterior painting in as low as 35 degrees, but ideal painting temperatures are between 50 and 90 degrees. Also, paint does not do well with intense temperature fluctuation or humidity, which is why fall is an ideal time of year to apply a fresh coat to the exterior of your home!

**Window Replacements**
The temperature is just right during early fall for window replacements; it’s not too hot or too cold, so you don’t have to worry about the weather fluctuating significantly during renovations. Also, there tend to be less allergens flying around during this time, so you won’t find your family coughing or sneezing! During fall, there’s less chance of the window buckling, shrinking or warping due to weather. Because the conditions are ideal, this is the busiest time of year for window installation, so make sure you call in advance to get yours scheduled!

**Lawn Care**
There are several things that should be done to your lawn in fall to ensure that it will maintain its health and beauty for spring. Start by raking leaves and aerating so water, oxygen and fertilizer will reach the grass roots. This will prevent your lawn from suffocating and guide it into winter properly nourished. If you only fertilize once a year, the best time to fertilize is fall. The grass will store carbohydrate reserves in its stems and rhizomes, as they continue to grow quickly throughout fall. This is also the best time of year for weed control. Weeds are in energy-absorbing mode during this time, so they will thirstily absorb all that’s around them, including weed killer. These preparations, among many others, will ensure that your lawn is in tip-top condition when spring returns. We understand that fall is a time for friends, family and football. A professional lawn care provider could knock this off your chore list in no time!

If you want to get started on preparation for winter or a fall remodeling project, give Buraski a call! No job is too big or too small. We do it all!
If you’re planning on building a house, before you begin the steps of designing your dream home, there is one very important thing you must decide first: Location. The most important aspect of your home is its location. There are several factors you should consider when choosing a place to build. You want a location that is comfortable, convenient, safe and affordable.

Finding a comfortable location means selecting a location that will not hinder your lifestyle. If you enjoy a wooded area, but require good cell reception and WIFI for work, then you will want to make sure that these amenities are available in the woods. You’ll also want to make sure the location you choose is convenient.

Is it within reasonable distance to work? Is it close to where the kids go to school, or in your desired school district? Also, check to see which way traffic generally flows. It’s easier to travel against the flow of traffic during peak hours.

Home is where we should always feel the safest, so naturally when choosing a location to build, we want to choose a safe location. Crime statistics are usually available online, but also visit the neighborhood. Spend some time in the area to get a feel of your surroundings before making a final decision.

Building a home is a life changing experience. Every decision matters, especially the location!

In 2014, John moved into his single-family home in the Homes of Stone Creek, becoming a homeowner for the first time! He’d looked around at several different places in Springfield and found that everything needed quite a bit of fixing up. He’d always rented and jumped at the opportunity of owning his first single-family home. He chose the Sanibel design on the inside with the addition of a basement. For John, building with the Homes of Stone Creek was an investment, and adding the basement bettered that investment, as well as provided more room for storage and extended safety, if needed. John also took advantage of hiring Buraski’s interior decorator. “I have no idea about picking out colors,” John said, “She saved me!” When asked about his experience working with Buraski Builders, John expressed, “It was outstanding! Everyone was so nice and cooperative, and I knew Mr. Buraski was going to back me 100%.”

John said the community of the Homes of Stone Creek consists of really nice people and they’ve even begun more formal community gatherings that take place about once a month. Within the community, John feels very safe and secure. He never worries about his home, and with the outdoor services provided, he doesn’t worry about his lawn either. He told us, “You have those days when you look outside and think, ‘man, I don’t want to cut the grass today…’ and it’s already done for you! It couldn’t be any easier to live here.”
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- Snow removal, mowing & landscaping maintenance included
- Beautiful park-like walking paths
- Use of private clubhouse for family or neighborhood events
- Nearby dining, entertainment and shopping

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Fall is the perfect time for inspections and home maintenance. Here is a short checklist of things to do before cold weather starts nipping at your nose.

- Clean your gutters.
- Have your roof inspected.
- Have your chimney swept.
- Get your furnace serviced.
- Check and weatherize all windows and doors.
- Repair steps and rails.
- Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

HOME INSPECTIONS

• Whole House Inspections, including:
  - Mechanical
  - Structural
  - Foundation
  - Roof
• Small Commercial Building Inspections
• Foundation Inspections
• Structural Inspections
• Mechanical Inspections
• Roof Inspections
• Radon Testing
• Carbon Monoxide Tests
• Well Water Tests
• Termite Inspections
• Crawlspace Inspections