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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

The Facts About Lead.

Did you know...

- Lead can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems, causing reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems. Lead is also harmful to adults.

- Lead in dust is the most common way people are exposed to lead. People can also get lead in their bodies from lead in soil or paint chips. Lead dust is often invisible.

-Lead-based paint was used in more than 38 million homes until it was banned for residential use in 1978.

-Projects that disturb lead-based paint can create dust and endanger you and your family. Don't let this happen to you.

Federal law now requires that individuals receive certain information before renovating six square feet or more of painted surfaces in a room for interior projects or more than twenty square feet of painted surfaces for exterior projects in housing, child care facilities and schools built before 1978.

- Homeowners and tenants: renovators must give you a copy of the "Renovate Right" brochure before starting work.

- Child care facilities, including preschools and kindergarten classrooms,

and the families of children under the age of six that attend those facilities: renovators must provide a copy of The brochure to child-care facilities and general renovation information to families whose children attend those facilities.

...beginning in April 2010, ask to see your contractor's certification!

Also, beginning April 2010, federal law will require contractors that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and schools, built before 1978 to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Therefore beginning in April 2010, ask to see your contractor's certification!

In an economy where times are tough, many are tempted to select their contractor based on how fast and how cheap they can provide the service for. Ask yourself though, what really is the cost? Is a "cheap & fast" renovation worth risking your family's health and welfare?

Thankfully if you are looking to Thorson Restoration & Construction for your renovation needs, you have no need for concern. We care about the health and welfare of our clients and their families!

We are already RRP certified and trained to adhere to the EPA's new standards and practices.

To learn more about the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA)

[lead renovation, repair and painting \(RRP\) program rule](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm) visit their website at: www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm

FEATURE PROJECT

Snipatuit Road Screen porch



This 16'x16' Screened Porch was a long awaited addition to this family's home. Having vacationed in summer cottages along The Cape that had beautiful outdoor rooms, they longed to replicate that look & feel in their own home. Considering the project for several years Alan & Susan had opportunity to gather magazine clippings and inspirational photos that represented exactly what they were looking to achieve. High on Susan's list was the open ceiling with a gable window and shed dormer to flood the space with natural light bringing warmth and brightness to the room.

We were able to custom fabricate lightweight Lexan panels that could enclose the room for the cold winter months but easily be removed leaving only the screens in spring & summer. This feature allows the homeowner to make use of their new space for a slightly extended season and keeps the room safe from the elements in the harsh New England winters.

The custom recessed panel skirt was a detail that became one of Alan & Susan's favorite aspects of the completed project. Much more attractive than standard lattice work at the base of the porch, this detail added a tremendous amount to the overall aesthetics and made the porch an impressive addition to the home's exterior.

When asked to explain their experience in working with Thorson Restoration & Construction, the homeowner had this to say...

"I am kind of a detail person and Thorson is all about every little detail! Seriously we were very impressed! ...Always professional and almost daily staying in touch during construction. Alan and I work so aren't around a lot, Todd always consulted with us and kept us well informed as the project progressed. What a great Team Eric has working for him.

Thorson Restoration & Construction has turned a long time dream of ours into reality.

- Alan & Susan

[...See more photos](#)



SEASONAL TIPS

Prepare, Prevent, Preserve

- Check your home around windows and doors for air leaks.
- No matter how you heat your home during the cold months, you need to have your heating unit inspected to make sure it is working properly
- Clean your clothes dryer exhaust duct & damper to prevent lint build-up which can be a fire hazard.
- Insulate all pipes in attics and crawl spaces - pipes in these locations are more susceptible to freezing and bursting if not insulated properly.
- Test all GFI outlets to ensure they work properly - tripping and resetting them once monthly will help to prevent



shock from faulty GFI's.

- Call Thorson to fix any major problems you feel you can't address yourself.

• Then sit back & relax with a **Vanilla Hot Chocolate!**

Shown here is a Dryer vent before and after cleaning. You can clearly see how lint build-up can be a fire hazard especially in combination with dry winter air and heat from your dryer.

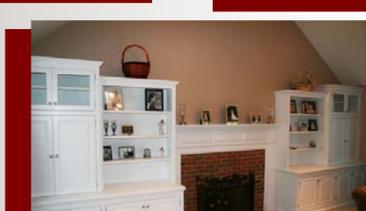
THINKING AHEAD

Projects to consider NOW—Built-ins

Did You know that we can customize built-in cabinetry to suit your home and lifestyle? Whether it's a small entry that needs a place for every last shoe and coat, or a large media room in need of organization and storage for all of your electronic components. We will discuss all of your needs and design a custom solution to suite your home and style preferences.

Here are some ideas to inspire you...

[See more...](#)



COMPANY NEWS

Employee Spotlight *Todd Donnelly*



Todd began his career in the Construction industry just after 2001 when he seized an opportunity to apprentice as a carpenter in San Francisco California for three years. From there he moved to Baltimore and continued to hone his new found skills as a carpenter, focusing on fine finish Carpentry in Historic Buildings including one of the Vanderbilt Mansions. In 2005 Todd was married and he and his wife Amy decided to relocate to New England. It seemed fitting that Todd would pursue restoration work once settled into his new location.

[Read More...](#)

Company Achievements



2009 Contractor of the Year Award Winner

We were recently awarded The National Association of the Remodeling Industry's (NARI) 2009 Contractor of the Year Award.

Each Year NARI selects companies who display excellence in their field. This Year Thorson was awarded Gold in the "Additions Under \$200,000 Category".

[...See before and after shots of the winning project!](#)

We're on Facebook!

And we'd love to hear from you!

Have a question about a project you saw on our website? Want to know how long a typical bath renovation takes? Are you a customer we haven't heard from in a while? Post updated photos of you and your family enjoying your completed project, let us know how the kids are doing, how your renovation has changed your life, or anything else you want to share!



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2011 Calendar Project

Calling All Satisfied Customers!

This is your chance to show off your finished project and get some great photos in the process. We are looking to create a custom calendar for next year with you as the main feature. We want to showcase past projects and the families who photo them. We will arrange for a full enjoy shoot of your finished project and the many ways you enjoy your new space. Although customer presence in the photos is completely optional, we think you'll agree that adding a face to a project brings new meaning to the outcome. Seeing how a family uses it's newly renovated space and how it has changed their everyday life is a story that we would like to tell. If you are interested in having your home featured in our 2010 Calendar or [email us](#) today!



Above: The Gustafson Family enjoys their Kitchen Remodel completed in 2008

Thorson & Staff Family Updates

Congratulations to Allin & Lorraine!

Our company functions will soon need to include daycare services. In addition to Todd & Amy, Lead Carpenter Allin Frawley and his wife Lorraine are also expecting a child in March of this year. Congratulations from all of us, we look forward to meeting your new arrival very soon!



Todd's son Max is now 2 years old and looking forward to welcoming his younger sibling! He's shown here enjoying a yummy cupcake!



Jenn's daughter Senja is 8 months old and on the verge of crawling. Go Senja!

Nathan Thorson has joined the Boy Scouts and has since earned several merit badges. (below)



Andrew Snowboard soars to new heights as his new snags a shot in mid flight! (shown above)

SAVE SOME GREEN

By going Green...



Thorson Restoration & Construction has recently paired up with "g" Green Design Center to offer our Clients a one-stop green shopping resource.

Are you interested in making healthier choices for your home & family?

Would you like to improve your home's indoor air quality and energy efficiency?

If so, you may want to use your current home improvement project as an opportunity to get started on the path to greener living.

When selecting products for your home you no doubt try to weigh more than just your style preferences. Most modern consumers realize that we can all do our part to be environmentally responsible by making smart choices for our homes and families. Thankfully making smarter choices doesn't have to mean paying higher prices. Most "Green" versions of products you may already be selecting are coming in price yet offer so much more value when you weigh out the health and energy saving benefits.

"g" Green Design Center offers valuable knowledge and advice to homeowners looking to make the switch to healthier living. Their showroom offers a one-stop resource for all of your green building and renovating needs!

Winter Tips...it's not over yet!

Courtesy of "g" Green Design Center

1. If your hot water heater is located in a cold basement, wrap it up in a blanket. It may seem silly, but your water heater will thank you (and use less energy). Ask about our Ultra Touch blankets made or recycled denim that can do this job.
2. Save yourself time and annoyance - install a programmable thermostat. Instead of constantly readjusting, for a few dollars your thermostat will take care of you.
3. Keep the hot air in by weather stripping your windows. Why should you pay to heat the backyard?

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