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# Top 10 Home Features to Think Twice About Before You Build or Remodel



When planning a new home or renovation, it's easy to get caught up in trends or features that look great at first glance. As a design/build team working throughout the Portland community, we've seen which choices truly stand the test of time, and which ones often lead to frustration, unexpected costs, or maintenance headaches.

Here are ten features homeowners frequently reconsider, along with smarter ways to think about your space.

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## Air Baths (Air-Jetted Tubs)

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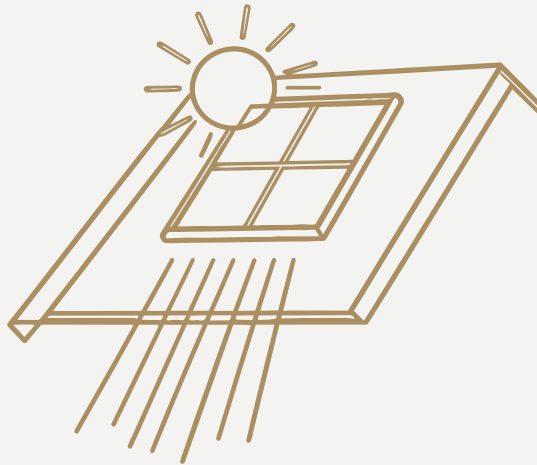


Air baths offer a sleek look without visible jets, but they can come with higher maintenance than expected. Mechanical components may require repairs over time, and cleaning can be more involved than many homeowners anticipate. For those who prefer low-maintenance luxury, a well-designed soaking tub is often a more practical choice.

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## Skylights

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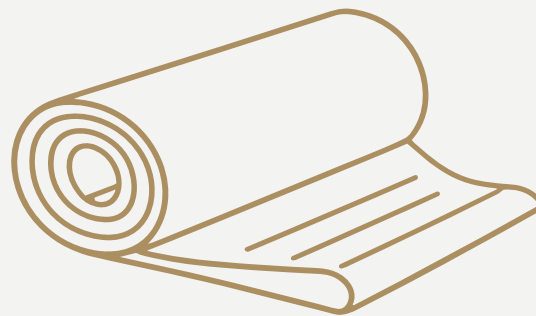


Skylights can bring in beautiful natural light, but they may also introduce heat gain, energy loss, and potential leak risks over time; especially in regions with varied weather. Many homeowners achieve a similar bright effect with thoughtfully placed windows, light wells, or glass doors that are easier to maintain.

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## Wall-to-Wall Carpet

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While soft underfoot, wall-to-wall carpet tends to trap dust, allergens, and odors, particularly in busy households or homes with pets. It also requires more frequent deep cleaning and replacement than many hard-surface flooring options. Hardwood, engineered wood, or quality tile often provide longer-lasting durability with easier upkeep.

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## Jetted (Whirlpool) Tubs

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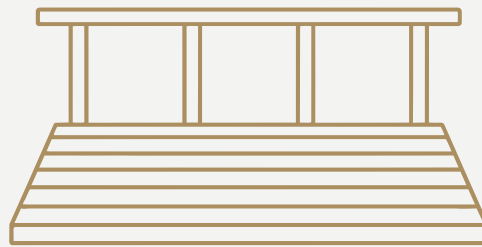


Jetted tubs promise a spa-like experience, but they require regular cleaning cycles to stay fresh and functional. If not used often, buildup inside the system can become an issue. Many homeowners find that a spacious soaking tub paired with thoughtful bathroom design delivers a more relaxing, low-maintenance solution.

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## Traditional Wood Decks

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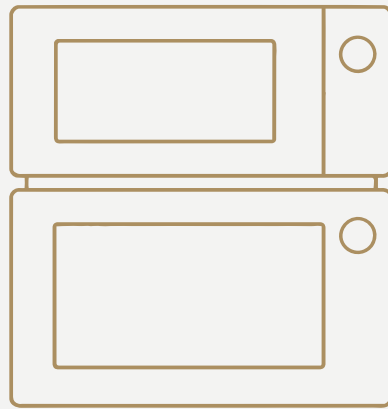


Wood decks have natural charm, but they demand consistent maintenance to withstand weather, moisture, and sun exposure. Annual sealing or staining is often required to keep them looking their best. Composite or alternative decking materials can offer a similar aesthetic with significantly less upkeep over time.

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## Microwave and Oven Combo Units

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Combination appliances may seem like a space-saving solution, but when one component stops working, the entire unit may need replacement. Separate appliances can offer greater flexibility, easier repairs, and fewer disruptions to your daily routine.



# Marble Countertops and Surfaces

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Marble delivers undeniable beauty, but it is softer and more porous than many homeowners expect. Acidic foods, spills, and daily use can lead to etching or staining. For busy kitchens or family spaces, quartz or other durable surfaces often provide a similar elegance with less maintenance.



# Mini-Split Heating and Cooling Systems

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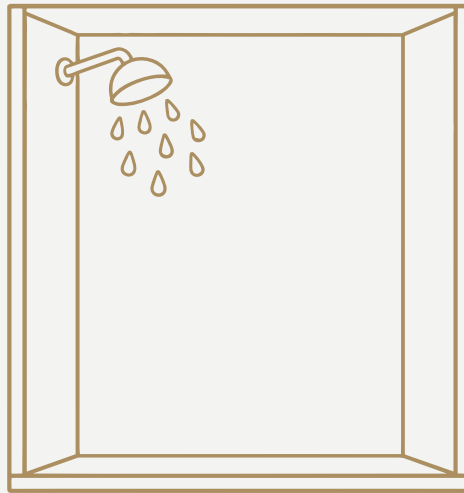


Mini-split systems are efficient for certain applications, but they may not always provide consistent airflow throughout an entire home. In some layouts, homeowners prefer integrated whole-home systems that help circulate and filter air more evenly for overall comfort.

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## Doorless or Half-Enclosed Showers

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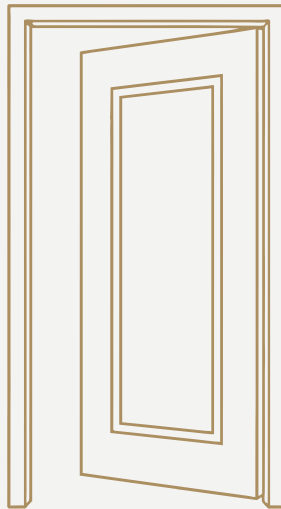


Open shower designs look modern and airy, but they can allow heat and water to escape into the rest of the bathroom. This may lead to cooler showers, excess humidity, or additional cleanup. A thoughtfully enclosed shower or well-designed wet-room concept often balances style with everyday practicality.

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## Hollow Core Interior Doors

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Lightweight hollow-core doors are common in many builds, but they tend to dent easily and offer minimal sound insulation. Upgrading to solid-core doors can improve durability, privacy, and the overall feel of your home. It's a small detail that makes a noticeable difference over time.



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## Ready to Start Planning Your Home Project?

Choosing the right builder is about more than construction; it's about partnering with a team that understands your vision and brings it to life with care, craftsmanship, and attention to detail.

At Look Construction, we specialize in thoughtfully designed new homes, renovations, and redevelopment projects throughout the Portland community. Whether you're planning a custom home or exploring ways to transform an existing property, our team is here to guide the process from concept to completion.

If you're ready to start the conversation, we would welcome the opportunity to learn more about your goals and discuss how we can help bring your project to life.

