

The Inside Track...

SNOW SAFETY TIPS TO SURVIVE THE WINTER!

The cold winter weather shouldn't limit time enjoyed working on the home outdoors. Before venturing outside, ensure proper safety precautions are taken to avoid an accident or injury. Consider the following snow safety tips from The Home Depot Canada to help keep warm and safe all season long.

- Dress for outdoor success.

Whether at work or play, bundle up in layered clothing to allow for better evaporation of perspiration. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear boots or overshoes with non-skid soles to avoid slips and falls

- Master the right shoveling technique. Before shoveling the walkway or driveway, ensure you are physically able. Arm yourself with a quality shovel that will last the entire winter. Lift with your leg muscles, not your back and remember, pace yourself and take frequent breaks.

- Blow it away. If shov-

eling is not your fancy, consider using a snow blower to push the white stuff away. Maintaining the blower will enhance performance and increase longevity. Check areas such as the engine oil levels, blower system chute positioning and tire pressure on a regular basis.

- Light the way. Since visibility is reduced in snowy weather and the

winter brings darkness earlier, make sure you have well-lit walkways

around the outside of the home.

- Roof clearing. If you need to clear the roof, try using long-handled snow rakes or poles. Should you require a ladder, make certain that the base is securely anchored. Ask a friend, family member or neighbour to hold the ladder while you climb.

- Winter warm-up. After spending time outdoors, snuggle up with a loved one and drink warm beverages like hot chocolate, coffee, tea or soup.



This Publication is brought to you by...



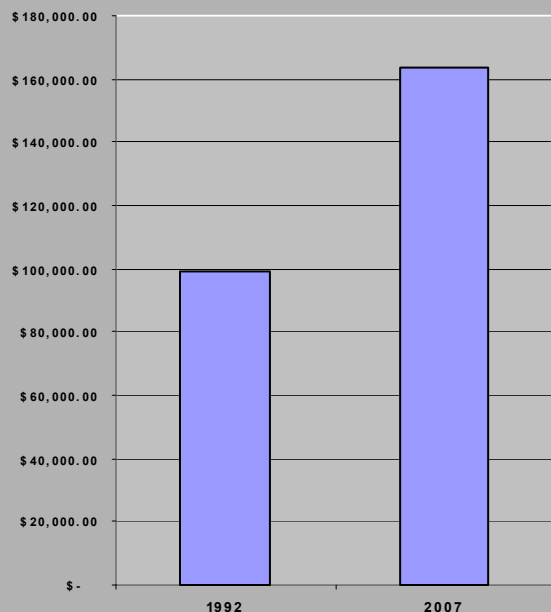
Connie Carson
Sales Rep

Julie Carson
Sales Rep

The Condo Market In Belleville

Condo's are the perfect retirement residence, these no hassle homes easy to maintain. A condo is also an excellent investment. Belleville has numerous condo options in various price ranges. McNabb Towers is one great example of this rise in value. Below is a graph showing the increase.

McNabb Towers Values



WARM UP YOUR ENTRY WAY THIS WINTER

Winter. It's a time of crisp air, gently falling snow, and piles of coats, slushy boots and soggy mittens in your front hall. This season, make your entryway organized and inviting. Here's how:

Make first impressions count. Give your door a fresh coat of glossy paint, and put down a new doormat. Hang a nice winter wreath or plant an evergreen in a sturdy urn.

Store your stuff out of sight. If you don't have enough closet space, add storage by hiding a garment rack behind a curtain, using an armoire, installing a coat tree or hall stand, or by trying one of these storage ideas:

- A bench with built-in storage holds your stuff and offers a convenient spot to sit down and put your boots on.

- A small bookshelf with labelled baskets is good for storing small items.

- A chest of drawers can make your front hall look more like a furnished room, and it gives you a surface for photos, a lamp or incoming mail.

Stay in season. **Move non-winter items to a different part of your home.** Leave some extra space and extra hangers for your guests' coats.

Tame your shoes. Set a limit to how many pairs each person can keep by the door, and install a shoe rack to keep footwear organized. Avoid putting boots on a mat that doesn't drain.

Hook it. Heavy-duty hooks keep backpacks, scarves, purses and coats off the floor. Hang them at a height where kids can reach them to make it easy for them to put away their things.

How much time do you spend hunting for keys, sunglasses, cell phones and dog leashes? **Dedicate a basket** or bowl to these important items by the front door, and you'll never have to search under the couch cushions again.

Design idea 1: Install a hook and small shelf for each person, and stencil their name on the wall beside it. Offer a warm welcome with a soft, washable rug that doesn't show dirt easily. Put a mat outside, too; wiping your feet before you go in will mean less muck and less

Don't forget to decorate. Paint your entryway a striking colour, hang a graceful mirror, incorporate family photos or a favourite piece of art, add a table lamp and an accessory or two. Make it welcoming and beautiful. After all, it's the first place people see when they come into your home.

Design idea 2: Hang an ornate frame and fill the blank space in the middle with small, pretty key hooks.



THE CARSON GIRLS GIFT CARD

This year we have taken the next step in providing exemplary service to our customers by introducing the Carson Girls Gift Card.

This card gives the recipient a \$500 credit from the sale of a home, and a \$500 dollar credit upon the purchase of a home.

All gift cards are completely transferrable and can be given to anyone.

This offer does not have an expiry and will be honoured for the life of the card.

If you know someone who will be buying or selling in the near future give us a call at 613-966-6060 for another card to pass along to them!

The Carson Girls

World Class Service... Small Town Values



Office: 613-966-6060

Direct: 613-968-1117

