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WHY NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO Remodel Your Home

ASK THE EXPERT WITH **ANDY HASTE** OF RIVERSIDE CONSTRUCTION LLC

Working from home in 2020 has caused many individuals to reevaluate their home's layout and usable space. Find out why now might be the ideal time to remodel!

This month, we are chatting with Andy Haste, owner of Riverside Construction LLC. As a family-owned design-build remodeling firm serving Tippecanoe and surrounding Indiana counties, Riverside Construction is uniquely suited to help you adapt your home to fit your family's lifestyle changes — whether you need a new home office, activity room, workout space, a more spacious, modern kitchen, or a full basement renovation.

Coronavirus caught us all by surprise, and the stay-at-home orders spurred people to consider home renovation projects. Why is now an ideal time to remodel your home?

I think people are now spending a lot more time in their homes and their lifestyles have shifted as a result of COVID-19. Rooms simply aren't functioning the same way that they did in the past.



Andy Haste, owner of Riverside Construction LLC



Floor protection is one precaution Riverside is taking right now, to keep work areas safe.



It's always a great time to remodel, but especially now with interest rates at historic lows. Local banks and credit unions are also looking to forge new relationships. I would encourage homeowners to explore the many home improvement loan opportunities that are available right now. Riverside Construction also has some very appealing finance options.

How has remodeling changed as a result of COVID-19?

What should we expect in terms of safety standards when inviting a professional contractor into our home to work?

We are taking many new precautions. Of course, we have fully subscribed to the safety protocols issued by the CDC and local and state authorities. The Indiana Builders Association has worked with the state officials to allow construction to continue to be an essential business.



As a Lead-Safe Certified firm, Riverside Construction is also already compliant with the EPA's Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rules so we are, especially, prepared to keep you and your family safe. Some of the same rules that require workers to be certified and trained in the use of lead-safe practices also apply to coronavirus-safe practices.

We maintain safe distancing, wear face masks and sanitize tools we use on remodeling projects. We also utilize effective plastic barriers for the areas that we work in and use dust collection and air purification filters to contain dust and debris. We are also wiping down all surfaces with disinfectant before homeowners come back into their spaces. This includes wiping down door handles and other high-touch surface areas each day. So, we're taking all kinds of safety measures. And, we're encouraging our employees to wash their hands thoroughly, of course.

During the coronavirus quarantine, we've become experts at working remotely. We can conduct "face-to-face" virtual meetings on Zoom or meet in your home using safety precautions.

With people spending more time in their homes due to coronavirus, many have discovered a need for more space, more storage, ample lighting, exercise options, office space, and more. How can people prioritize their wish list of renovation projects, and how can Riverside help?

The way people can prioritize their wish list items is to identify their biggest pain points first and start a "must-have" list. What is broken now and really needs repair or what biggest challenges are you experiencing with your space? Then, determine what are "nice-to-haves." What features or amenities would make your life easier? What can wait?

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Is it a workout room? Home office? Bigger kitchen? For each person, the answer is going to be different. We can help folks problem-solve. If they call us, we're happy to talk to them about their ideas. Sometimes we find that clients or people who want to work with us don't know what their biggest issue is. After talking to them about their home and how they live in their space, we can help them figure out a place to start, and offer a creative solution.

Anything else you'd like to add?

As a design-build firm, homeowners have the added benefit of working with one construction business to receive both design and remodeling services. At Riverside Construction, there is one seamless flow of work from the initial design concept to project completion, whether you're planning a kitchen or bathroom remodel, basement renovation, or room addition.

Also, now is the perfect time to start working on planning your remodel. If you're thinking about a project in the near future, jump on a call with us and start a conversa-



tion about ideas for your home. Of course, we can do that safely via video conferencing if you prefer. We can even take tours of people's homes through video conferencing.

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