



ON THE MOVE



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If you have any family or friends looking to buy or sell a home, please give them my name.
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BACK TO SCHOOL: TIME FOR HOME PROJECTS

The kids are back to school and the house is empty. Now is a great time to shift your focus away from busy summer schedules and back to your home to-do list. Consider those projects that you've been meaning to get to and make plans while the house has a little less foot traffic.

Install hardwood floors

Replacing old carpet with new hardwood floors is one of the best ways to freshen up your home's interior. Wood types, colors and pricing vary, so make sure you do your research to choose your best option. Installation and finishing can take up to a couple of weeks, so make sure you're prepared to close off that space.

Re-tile the bathroom

This can be an easier do-it-yourself project than you think. If you're a first-timer, start with a smaller space. Home improvement stores offer some great tutorials—just make sure to remove the doors and keep the space ventilated while you work.



Stain the deck

Clean the wood well before you stain it, use a stain stripper if there are layers from past stains and make sure you allow at least 24 hours for drying before using it.

Treat those weeds

The rain season is coming to an end in most areas, and the kids are off at school and out of the yard. Now's the perfect time to treat your yard—you'll be much happier come spring.

Touch it up

Painting is another project that's tough to accomplish when kids are around. Now that the house is empty, cover your floors and furniture, choose a fresh new color or address areas where your existing color needs some touching up.

Whether you're making an after-school snack, or helping yourself after a hard day's work on the house, this stove-top popcorn is a great, healthy version of the traditional.

Norman's Stove-top Popcorn

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup popcorn kernels
- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Method

- Combine kernels and oil in a heavy 3-qt. saucepan.
- Cover with lid, and cook over medium heat 2 to 3 minutes or until kernels begin to pop.
- Cook, shaking pan often, 2 more minutes or until popping slows.
- Transfer popcorn to a serving bowl.
- Drizzle with butter, and sprinkle warm popcorn with kosher salt and pepper; toss to coat.

Recipe courtesy of Southern Living.

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