










9 STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL RENOVATION



-  *Contact Design Center of Pittsburgh*
-  *Read through the Design Consults Resource Guide*
-  *Contact design professionals to schedule a consultation*
-  *Conduct the Consultation
a. Formulate an Action Plan*
-  *Contact your municipality regarding permits*
-  *Interview and hire a designer*
-  *Finalize project objectives and create a budget*
-  *Interview and hire a contractor*
-  *Finish Construction and Enjoy!
a. Submit survey to Design Center of Pittsburgh*

DESIGNCONSULTS

An affordable, on-site consultation with a design professional to help you plan a design-wise renovation

Consultation costs

Residential: \$25-\$250

Small Business: \$150-\$250

Non-profit: \$150-\$250

For more info, contact Cate at (412)391-4144 or classman@designcenterpgh.org

Preservation & Restoration Resources

www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm

www.oldhousejournal.com/

www.finewoodworking.com/

www.period-homes.com/

www.thisoldhouse.com

Small Improvements. Big Impact

- * Lighting is beautiful and safe
- * Clean up debris
- * Maintain grass and plants
- * Move trashcans to rear or side of home
- * Plants and planter boxes
- * Satellite dishes are unsightly. Place them on the roof, out of view from the street
- * Repair cracks in path and sidewalk
- * Decorate with details

Energy Savings

Insulation

Your home loses most of its heat through the roof. Properly insulating and air sealing your attic will help reduce your energy bills. Although insulation costs may vary, loose-fill insulation is usually less expensive to install than batt (roll) insulation.

Windows

You can save nearly as much energy with interior or exterior storm windows and weatherstripping as you can with new windows. Before rushing out to replace your windows, consider installing wood, aluminum or vinyl storms.

Doors

Save on energy bills -- and the expense of a new door -- by weatherstripping and caulking original doors to improve the seal and eliminate drafts. If you decide to add storm or screen doors, match the size, shape and color of the existing door.

Energy & Weatherization Resources

ReEnergizePGH (www.reenergizepgh.org/pittsburgh-residents)

Conservation Consultants Inc, QDOT (industrial and commercial only), GTECH, Duquesne Light, ACTION Housing - Pittsburgh Green House

Renovation Resources

ReEnergize Pgh

Resource guide to greater Pittsburgh region's programs that help homeowners finance energy efficiency, comfort and equipment upgrade projects.
www.reenergizepgh.org

Pittsburgh Project's Home Repair Ministry

Free home repair for homeowners who are elderly, poor, shut-in, widowed, disabled, or immobile through volunteer service.

Call 412-321-1678 x153

www.pittsburghproject.org/71.php

Freedom Unlimited's Home Repair Service Program

Assists Hill District homeowners by providing financial assistance for minor home repair or renovation that addresses safety and health code regulations, energy efficiency, and the exterior.

Eligible: Low-income Hill District/15219 zip code residents (call for details).

Call 412-434-0919 for more info.

www.pittsburgh.pennsylvaniadata.com/c-67889.htm

Hosanna Industries's Rehabilitation Program

Grants for home repairs such as roof repair, siding repair, window replacement and handicap accessibility feature. Eligible: Low-income Allegheny County residents.

Call 724-770-0262 or 1-888-444-4672.

www.hosannaindustries.org/ Click Potential Client Information/

Nazareth Housing Services's Homeowner Assistance Program

Grant for minor home repairs for low-income Allegheny County residents.

Call for details: 412-931-6996 x 6510

www.chfmanor.org/housing-services/

FOCUS

Offers credit restoration program.

www.focuspittsburgh.org

NeighborWorks

Offers a budget and credit restoration program that has counselors who can assist in establishing a budget, repair of credit and increase credit score and prepare mortgage-ready home buyers.

www.nwwpa.org

URA/Dollar Bank's Pittsburgh Homeowner Rehab Program (PHRP)

The PHRP offers a 0% interest rate to help income eligible Pittsburgh homeowners make home improvements to: repair sidewalks, exterior home, remove lead hazard, & provide easier accessibility for homeowners with disabilities.

Loan: \$25,000 max, single unit home or \$35,000 loan max, two unit home, 20 years. The URA also offers resources for small business renovations through the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) program.

Call 412-255-6573 for more info

www.ura.org

Financial Resources

Hill District Federal Credit Union

Offers a home improvement loan with a \$20.00 loan application fee. Interest rate is based on a credit score. Located at 2021 Centre Avenue, phone 412-281-0822 or 412-281-0823

www.hilldistrictfcu.org

5th 3rd Bank

Offers a Home Equity Line of credit loans for home improvement. Located at 2125 Centre Avenue, phone 412-697-4821

www.53.com

PNC Bank

Offers a Home Equity Line of Credit. A \$25,000 loan can have as low as a 3.49% variable interest rate. Has a \$50.00 annual fee for those with accounts at PNC. Located at 1860 Centre Avenue, Phone 412-768-5000

www.pnc.com

Other Resources

Rebuilding Together

631 Iron City Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Residential renovations to help seniors stay in their homes. Operation Urgent Care covers emergency repairs 12 months out of the year. Also provides home repair/upkeep to veterans in care. Phone 412-922-0953
www.rtpittsburgh.org

Habitat for Humanity: Re-Store

1635-B South Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Reusable house building and home improvement materials to the public. Store is open Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., 10-3. Also offers Brush with Kindness a neighborhood beautification project to preserve affordable housing. Candidates must qualify; contact Daniel Webb, Family Services Coordinator, 412-351-0512 x1
www.pittsburghhabitat.org/shop

Construction Junction

214 N. Lexington Street, Pittsburgh PA 15208

Reusable house building and home improvement materials to the public. Great place to shop for hardware, doors, windows, paints, tiles, and furniture on a budget. Hard to find/no longer manufactured items from appliances to windows.
www.constructionjunction.org

ACTION-Housing – Weatherization Assistance Program

& the Pittsburgh Green House
308 North Sheridan Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Offers Energy conservation and green build programs, grants through the Weatherization Assistance Program and Pittsburgh Green House. Web site lists best practices and resources for residents. Phone: 412-362-4PGH (4744)
www.actionhousinggreen.org

Tree Pittsburgh

Offering Tree Tender Courses, Tree ID Walks, Nursery Talks and Tours, Pruning Primer for Homeowners, Bees and Trees and Bring a Tree Home: Choosing the right tree for your landscape in the 2013 year. www.treepgh.org

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

Offers various classes, tree plantings, and neighborhood clean-ups.
www.paconserve.org

Grow Pittsburgh

Offering a multi-day workshop on how to start your own vegetable garden. Classes are from 7-9 p.m. at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Classes are \$60.00 for the general public. Offered February 12, 19, and 26 and then again March 11, 18, and 25. Call 412-362-4769 to register.
www.growpgh.org

Upcoming Classes

Phipps

Offering several classes on vegetable gardening and healthy living. All classes, except for Backyard Composting are the Phipps Garden Center in Mellon Park. Please call 412-441-4442 x3925 to register. All classes have a fee.

February 21 from 7-9 p.m. \$30.00 non-member – Seed Starting

February 28 from 7-9 p.m. \$30.00 non-member – Season Extension

April 4 from 7-9 p.m. - \$50/individual \$55/couple non-member – Backyard Composting

April 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. \$42.00 non-member+materials fee – Natural Spring Cleaning

Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation

Offering free workshops, seminars and lectures. All events are located at the Landmarks Housing Resource Center in Wilkinsburg and are from 10-11:30, unless otherwise noted.

February 9 – LHRC Lecture: Understanding Neighborhood Identity

February 23 – Workshop: Is Solar Right for you?

March 7 – Seminar: Allegheny County Property Tax Assessment Update – 6-7:30 p.m.

March 9 – Workshop: Masonry 101

March 23 – Workshop: Painting and Wood Care