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Greetings!

Hello from all of us at Gallagher Remodeling. Enjoy the news and tips we've put together about designing and remodeling your home. Spring is a great time to start planning a remodel, give us a call at 617-489-1959 or [contact us](#) on our website.

2008 AWARD WINNER

*NARI Regional Contractor of the Year
Award*



Gallagher Remodeling is honored to receive the National Association of the Remodeling Industry's (NARI) 2008 Contractor of the Year Award for an Entire House Project, in the middle price range category.

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Contractors from seven regions nationwide vie for the awards on an annual basis. Projects submitted for judging were remodeling projects only, completed between July 1 of 2006 and November 30 of 2007. An impartial panel of judges, who are experts within the industry and associated fields, selected winners based on each entrant's "before and after" photography and project description. Judging was based on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty and entry presentation. Judging took place at the association's national headquarters in Des Plaines, Illinois, in early January.

Gallagher Remodeling is thrilled by this award. We are also proud to have realized our client's dream for their home, in a way that is recognized and applauded by our industry and our peers. We are grateful to our entire team, including designers, lead carpenters and trade subcontractors, for building this distinguished project.

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GREEN REMODELING

As we recognize the need to be good stewards of our planet, it seems everything has become "green." Remodeling has great potential as a socially responsible industry.

Gallagher Remodeling is working hard to distill realistic green solutions for our clients from a complicated array of options. Roger Gallagher is currently enrolled in NARI's green remodeling program, a multi-faceted course of study, focusing on energy efficiency and conservation, indoor air quality, efficient use of resources, recycling of demolition material and renewable energy sources, among other topics. The program runs for 12 weeks with a 2-hour class weekly. Each class will address specific topics such as building science application, green remodeling guidelines, solar

applications, and appliance selection.

We look forward to sharing what we've learned as we implement even more sound remodeling practices in the future.

[Find remodeling resources on our website](#)

REMODELING TAX SAVINGS

It is tax time again, so be sure to check on potential savings from remodeling projects. These might be available to you from:

Credits for energy improvements, under the Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005, for Tax deductible interest on a Home Equity Loan or Line of Credit for installation of insulation, exterior windows, exterior doors, water heaters, heat pumps, central air conditioners, furnaces and hot water boilers. Solar renovations, also qualify for tax credits, including solar water heating systems and solar equipment generating photovoltaic electricity for the home and fuel-cell power systems. Medical renovations for installation of special equipment in the home, according to IRS rules. These can include adding ramps, widening doorways, lowering counters or cabinets, adjusting electrical outlets and fixtures, installing railings and grab-bars, and changing door hardware.

For more details, you can consult your tax advisor, www.energystar.gov and www.irs.gov