



## Spring 2009 Newsletter

### In This Issue

Featured Project

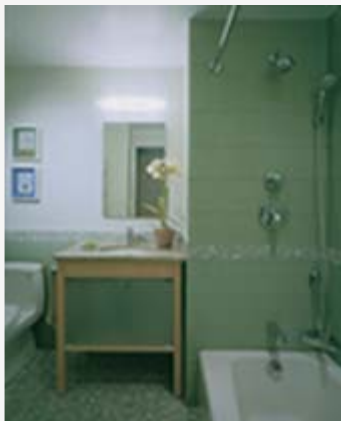
Go Green with Us

Tax Credits for Energy Improvements

### Featured Project



This simple 1940's bath shines in refurbished elegance with glass tile, glass mosaic accents and flooring and a custom maple vanity, with glass doors and Verde Agave granite top. The space is heated by a Runtal towel warmer and ventilated by a remote fan for a quiet, comfortable and serene bathing experience.



Greetings!

At Gallagher Remodeling, we are encouraged by the positive attitude and support we have received from our clients over the past several months, as we all adjust to the changes in our economy. As we enter our 24th year in business, we look forward to serving our clients well into the future and we thank you for your business and support.

Now is a great time to plan both interior and exterior projects! Our homes are vital to our quality of life and, although we have seen area housing values fall back somewhat, we are fortunate that local properties still retain much of their previous value. Our homes remain good savings and investment vehicles. The stimulus bill, recently passed by Congress, contains tax credits for home improvements related to energy conservation, and our newsletter has some information on that this month.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. We would love to hear news from you. Call us at 617-489-1959 or email us at [office@gallagherremodeling.com](mailto:office@gallagherremodeling.com) to let us know how you are doing and how we can help you with your home. At our website [www.gallagherremodeling.com](http://www.gallagherremodeling.com) you can see recent projects and find other company information.

We are looking forward to making it a good spring!

### Go Green with Gallagher Remodeling

Many people are interested in the Green issues involving consumption, conservation, sustainability and a healthier lifestyle. Gallagher Remodeling is committed to apply **Green Remodeling Principles** in project planning and execution, every day.

Join Our Mailing List!

- **Healthy home** remodeling projects use caulks, sealants and sheet goods containing no, or low levels of volatile organic compounds. We are enrolled in a program with our main supplier to automatically provide these products for purchases on our account. We have experience with your options for other products related to indoor air quality, including carpeting, paints, heat recovery ventilators, radon migration and combustion gasses.

- **Quality products** and construction methods insure that the materials placed into service will have longevity, and labor and resources will not be wasted replacing them, nor repairing hidden damage caused by poor installation practices.

- **Energy conservation** knowledge in the design/build process gives us the chance to explain to you the different equipment and materials that are available for energy efficiency in your home. We can help you assess where those options make sense for your home and your pocketbook. Specifically this includes options in heating and cooling systems, water heaters, kitchen appliances, lighting, doors and windows, different types of insulation and design considerations for solar and wind impact.

- **Sustainable resources** knowledge allows us to recommend earth-friendly products which use recycled materials and renewable resources. We are committed with our main supplier to automatically use FSC-certified lumber products, as available, for purchases on our account. We strive to minimize waste on projects, starting with an efficient planning process which carries through to job site execution. We separate recyclables in the waste stream and all remaining debris is sent, by default, to a recycling facility.

We live in a rapidly evolving environment of products and methods designed to conserve resources and provide a better quality of life, both in your home and in the world at large. Gallagher Remodeling is committed to be aware of, and implement, currently available Green solutions. We are also prepared to educate you on **Green Remodeling** options, so you can make informed decisions appropriate to your remodeling budget, your lifestyle, and your philosophy.

*The author, Roger Gallagher, is president of Gallagher Remodeling, Inc. and is a Green Certified Professional (GCP) with the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI).*



## Stimulus Bill Provides Tax Credits for Energy Improvements

As many of you know, the federal government passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (a.k.a. the Economic Recovery Act) in February. This list of tax credits for qualified energy-efficiency improvements has been expanded, and the deadline for applying has been extended through the end of 2010.

The Recovery Act includes a separate, non-business, or residential, energy property credit, for energy-saving items that homeowners began using at home in 2009. According to Form 5695, these items include high-efficiency heating and cooling systems, water heaters, windows, door and insulation (however, if a homeowner took tax credits for any of these items in 2006 or 2007, the amount of tax credits you can obtain now will be limited). You may be able to count any energy-saving improvements made in 2008 toward this credit as well. For details on the tax credit, you can find Form 5695 at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f5695.pdf> and you should check with your tax advisor.

Gallagher Remodeling offers services that are eligible for tax credits under the stimulus plan. These include many different options in heating and cooling systems, "unlimited" hot water heaters, energy-efficient replacement windows and doors and retrofitting insulation. We can help you to qualify for tax credits, save money on your energy bills and make your home more comfortable. Please contact us to talk over your options to save money and energy at home.

---