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# HomeTalk

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## take5

### Create Your Dream Man Cave

Sometimes, the man or men of the house just need a little space to do their thing. That's why, if your home layout allows, a man cave is a great addition. Now that you have the space picked out, how should you fill it? Check out the below to get you started!

**1. Mini fridge and bar.** Every good man cave has a stockpile of drinks and food. Purchase a mini fridge and fill it with your favorite alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages. Then, don't forget to fill a basket with easy-to-grab snacks.

**2. Ample seating.** You'll likely be spending a large chunk of time in your man cave watching tv, relaxing, playing games, and more, so choosing the right couch or recliners is crucial. Plus, if you plan to have the guys over, you'll want to make sure you choose furniture that can seat everyone comfortably and have back-up folding chairs in case you need more spots.

**3. Favorite décor.** Whether you're a big movie buff, die-hard sports fan, or dedicated concert goer, your man cave is the perfect place to let your interests shine by displaying your favorite memorabilia, posters, jerseys, and more.

**4. TV.** The centerpiece of your man cave is your TV. You should purchase one that is large enough to see clearly from any spot in the room and comes equipped with streaming services to ensure you can catch the game or newest movie release with a click of a button.

**5. Games.** Video games, card games, board games, and more. Fill your man cave with all your favorites to keep you and your guests entertained with some friendly competition.

## MUST-HAVES FOR YOUR FIRST HOME

You've just purchased your first home and it's time to start filling it up. But, where to start? Below is a list of must-haves for each room in your home!

### Living room.

Aside from standard furniture, like a couch, chairs, coffee table, and television, there are a few other staples you should consider purchasing, such as a plush rug, floor lamp, TV stand with cupboards or drawers, and throw blankets.

### Kitchen.

On top of dishes, silverware, and glassware, don't forget other kitchen essentials such as a can opener, bottle opener, toaster, strainer, oven mitts, baking sheet, measuring cups and spoons, and cooking utensils. Plus, it's a good idea to stock up on basic seasonings, oil, and other commonly used condiments.

### Bedroom.

When you think of your bedroom, purchasing a bed frame, mattress, bedding, dresser, hangers, and bedside table are the first items that come to mind. In addition to those, you may want to consider picking up a table lamp, laundry hamper, wall



or full-length mirror, wall or door hooks, and under bed storage bins.

### Bathroom.

A bath mat, shower curtain, shower liner, toothbrush holder, hand soap dispenser, plunger, and toilet brush are must-have items for each bathroom in your home.

### Cleaning supplies.

New home means new cleaning

supplies. Start by purchasing dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, handsoap, disinfectant spray, glass cleaner, floor cleaner, mop, broom, and and sponges.

### Other.

It's always a good idea to keep a few maintenance and safety essentials on hand in your home. Some items to consider are a step ladder, small safe, first aid kit, batteries, flashlight, lighter, extension cord, toolbox, and duct tape.



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# Hello.

We've put together interesting and helpful real estate information just for you!

In this October 2020 issue, we look at:

- A helpful review of the top "must-haves" for your first home.
- Our top 5 tips for creating a "man cave."
- Water saving ideas that will help you and your family conserve water and save money.

Remember we're here to answer any of your questions... We're always glad to connect with you!

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## Fall Season Arrives

It's amazing that fall has arrived, in a year when many people feel a bit mentally (and perhaps emotionally) exhausted. We know that despite all the various concerns and tribulations, important segments of life must go on. For many, this includes purchasing or selling a home. You have our commitment to serve you with our full attention to detail, and being mindful of our current world circumstances.

Do know that we continue to take all necessary precautions, and have implemented practical, good sense strategies alongside some amazing technology so that you can conduct your transaction with confidence.

## How to Save Water (and Money!) at Home

As a homeowner, if you don't maintain good water-saving habits, you could be sending more money than necessary straight down the drain every year. Start saving by trying out the tips below!

**Replace the showerhead.** Daily showers account for a huge portion of water usage at home, especially if you have multiple people residing in the house. To help cut down on water used during each shower, swap out your normal showerhead with a WaterSense-certified replacement that uses fewer gallons of water per minute. According to the EPA1, this can save a family of four up to 2,700 gallons of water a year.

**Fix leaking faucets.** According to Forbes2, a leaking faucet can result in up to 20 gallons of wasted water a day. To avoid the expense that comes with this waste, make it a habit to check your faucets regularly for leaks and repair them quickly. Most of the time, it's a quick fix and can be done with a faucet repair kit purchased online or at a home improvement store.

**Don't hand wash dishes.** In this day and age, most homes are equipped with water-efficient dishwashers. By running a mostly full or entirely full load in the dishwasher, you use 1/6 less water than if you hand wash your dishes.

**Water your garden by hand.** Using a hose to water your outdoor plants and garden can result in a lot of waste. Try opting for an old-fashioned watering can, allowing you to keep your yard alive and well while also controlling the amount of water used each time.