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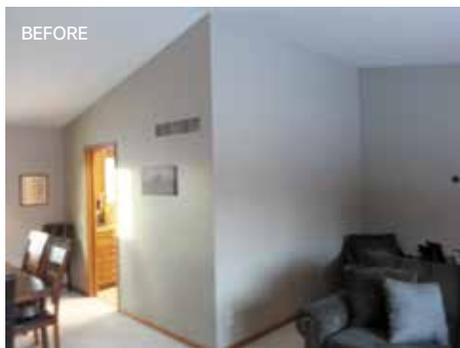
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AFTER

## Open Concept

Removing interior walls on the main level creates the completely open floor plan the homeowners imagined.



BEFORE

The view from the living room, looking toward the rear of the home. The floor plan was inefficient and dated and made the home feel dark and closed off.

Built in the mid-1980s, this Eden Prairie home just missed the architectural trend that emerged a few years later (and continues to dominate) in residential construction—the open floor plan.

The kitchen, dining room, living room and foyer all occupied their own designated spaces. Traffic flow was restricted and the rooms felt small. The homeowners wished to eliminate the partition walls, highlight the vaulted ceiling and make the newly remodeled kitchen the home's focal point.

After remodeling, main floor feels larger and more spacious. Natural light is abundant and flows throughout the home.



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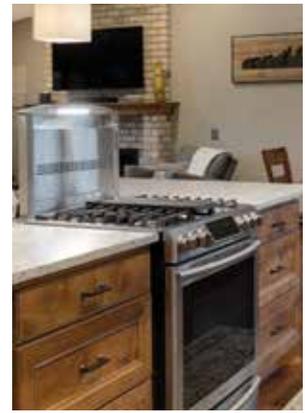
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# Open Concept Cont.



Main Level AFTER



The downdraft system in use

## Space-Saving Feature

To save space, a retractable downdraft system replaces a traditional island hood (above). Instead of sitting above the range, a downdraft remains flush with the cooktop surface until needed (left). Using a downdraft with an island cooktop keeps the kitchen unobstructed by a hood hanging from the ceiling and contributes to the open feel in the home.

The view from the kitchen, looking toward the front of the home, Before (below) and After (above).



Main Level BEFORE

Floor-to-ceiling cabinets and pull-out shelves under the island maximize kitchen storage space.



## Bright and Open

After remodeling, the main level is bright and open. A large center island serves as the only visual dividing line between the kitchen and other areas, making the kitchen the home's natural focal point. The vaulted ceiling makes the home feel even more spacious.

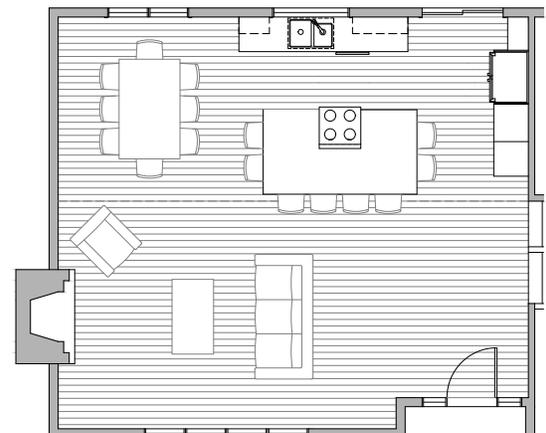
Floor-to-ceiling cabinets maximize kitchen storage space. Custom storage on both sides of the island is ideal for silverware, knives, cookware or lesser used items.

An open floor plan is perfect for individual activities as well as social togetherness. It's a "trend" that is likely to continue for some time.

Photos by Spacecrafting Photography



Floor Plan BEFORE



Floor Plan AFTER

# Annual *Home Maintenance* Calendar

## January-February

### Inside

- Clean range hood filter
- Clean and check sump pump and pit
- Replace furnace filters monthly or as recommended by the manufacturer
- Clean faucet aerators and turn on infrequently used faucets; put water in floor drains to maintain the trap's water barrier

### Outside

- Clear air intakes, exhaust and meters of snow, debris, etc.
- If ice dams form, have them professionally removed



## March-April

### Inside

- Adjust thermostat and humidifier for season change
- Replace batteries in thermostat, carbon monoxide detector and security system
- Vacuum refrigerator/freezer front and rear grille and underneath
- Clean dryer vent
- Replace furnace filters monthly or as recommended by the manufacturer
- Inspect basement/crawl space for seepage or leakage

### Outside

- Check and repair any screen damage
- Inspect roof for damage and make repairs if necessary
- If ice dams form, have them professionally removed



## May-June

### Inside

- Replace furnace filters monthly or as recommended by the manufacturer

### Outside

- Clear air intakes, exhaust and meters of debris, nests, etc.
- Check gutters and downspouts and clean if needed
- Open outside hose connection
- Clean outdoor central air conditioning condenser
- Check landscaping sprinklers to ensure proper alignment (do not let them soak your siding or foundation)
- Maintain proper grades for drainage throughout property
- Be sure to check for settling around home's foundation after spring thaw
- Check garage floor for cracks; seal and caulk



## July-August

### Inside

- Check and repair interior caulking and grout on tile in showers and baths
- Have furnace serviced
- Replace furnace filters monthly or as recommended by the manufacturer
- Air out damp basements on dry days or use dehumidifier

### Outside

- Clean faucet aerators and turn on infrequently used faucets; put water in floor drains to maintain the trap's water barrier
- Check and repair all exterior caulking and weather stripping, especially around windows and entry doors
- Seal coat and repair asphalt driveway as needed
- Check exterior finishes and maintain as needed



## September-October

### Inside

- Adjust thermostat and humidifier for season change
- Replace batteries in thermostat, carbon monoxide detector and security system
- Do safety checks: smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire escape routes, fire extinguisher, door and window locks

### Outside

- Clear air intakes, exhaust and meters of debris, nests, etc.
- Check fireplace and chimney; service or clean if needed
- Check roofing and flashing for signs of wear or damage
- Check roof vents/soffit vents
- Winterize landscaping and blow out irrigation system
- Close outside hose connection and drain



## November-December

### Inside

- Clean dryer vent
- Have main floor drain cleaned of roots and debris
- Replace furnace filters monthly or as recommended by the manufacturer

### Outside

- Oil track, chain and rollers on overhead garage door
- Clear air intakes, exhaust and meters of snow, debris, etc.
- Check gutters and down spouts and clean if needed
- If ice dams form, have them professionally removed



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## Inside:



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## Customer Testimonials *Details, Details...*

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### Bathroom | *Eden Prairie*

"We were very pleased with the work performed by Plekkenpol Builders. Their workmanship, professionalism, attention to detail and communication throughout the project were outstanding. They heard my questions and concerns and answered very clearly. All of the workers were polite and neat." – Homeowners



### Kitchen | *Bloomington*

"Plekkenpol Builders came through for us again! Our Project Manager gave us excellent remodeling advice. The crew once again did amazing work—always on time and on top of all we had going on. This was our third time with your company and won't be our last. Very happy with the quality of the work and the employees." – Homeowners



### Living Room | *Roseville*

"We can't thank you enough for the fantastic job you did. As always, your workmanship, clean up, communication and quality of products were all excellent. I would not hesitate to recommend you to friends and family. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you!" – Homeowners



### Kitchen | *Plymouth*

"Our compliments to your entire staff. We are thrilled with our new kitchen. It was a wonderful experience and gave us a new perspective on the quality of your people and craftsmanship. Thank you so much! We can't wait to have you back for the next project!" – Homeowners

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