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Love Your Laundry Room



A home with three Great Danes needed a dedicated dog wash – and a few other custom upgrades in the transformed laundry room.

Spring in Minnesota means a lot of things – warmer temps, longer days and, if you’re a dog owner, muddy paws! As the homeowners planned their lower level laundry room renovation, the item at the top of their list was a dedicated dog wash/shower to bathe their three Great Danes.

The unfinished basement in their Lake Nokomis home was transformed into a large and luxurious laundry room. The new multi-purpose space features custom storage, pet feeding and bathing areas and even a craft table/gift-wrapping station.



The home featured a typical unfinished basement with an inefficient layout.

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Love Your Laundry Room

Function & Design

When planning the remodel, a more functional layout was key. The new floor plan allows for two walls of upper and lower cabinets, abundant counter space, and the addition of a craft/folding table. Relocating the washer, dryer and sink created space to add the dog wash.

New lighting brightens the room. Flooring is durable luxury vinyl in a natural limestone design. The room feels large and spacious.



Marble-look quartz countertops and champagne-bronze fixtures bring an elegant feel to the room.

Custom Details

Custom details can be found in every drawer and cabinet: a pull-out drying rack, roll-outs for dog and cat food, and bins for garbage and recycling. The craft table/gift-wrapping station doubles as a folding table.

An open space under the craft table keeps the cat's litter box out of sight. Because a small pet door is large enough for the cat to fit through, but not the dogs, the cat can finally eat her dinner in peace! She even gets her very own pull-out food and water drawer.



Pull-out clothes drying rack



Craft table/gift-wrapping station/folding table



AFTER

Especially for Pets

Removing the old refrigerator and relocating the laundry tub allowed space to add a new custom dog wash – essential when living with three big dogs. The laundry room is located just inside the walk-out basement with access to the backyard. The dog wash is convenient and accessible, making bathing as easy as possible – though the dogs might sometimes disagree!

The owner loves the new space and even held a housewarming party to show it off! "It's my favorite new room in the house," she said. "I love to talk about it and show it off! It's so functional and pretty."



BEFORE

Photos by Brandon Rowell

“Best of Houzz” Award Winner Plekkenpol Builders Wins Awards for Service and Design



Plekkenpol Builders has been awarded 2023 “Best of Houzz” awards for Design and Service.

“Best of Houzz” awards are given at the beginning of each year based

on the prior year’s work. They are awarded to professionals who contribute great content to the Houzz community and who provide excellent customer service to their clients.

“Best of Houzz” is based on the actions of millions of Houzz users all over the world. Just 3–4% of the three million home design and remodeling professionals on Houzz receive this award each year. We are honored to be recognized for this achievement!

Thank You for Stopping Out! Record Snowfall Didn’t Keep Visitors Away



Despite blizzard warnings and record snowfall, we had an

amazing turnout at the 2023 Spring Remodelers Showcase®!

We would like to thank those who braved the weather to stop out and tour our stunning main level remodel in Edina. If you missed it, photos of this home, as well as past Showcase homes, can be viewed on our website at www.plekkenpol.com/gallery/showcase.



Spring Home Maintenance *Prepare Your Home for Warmer Weather!*

Maintain Heating & AC

Service your furnace, AC, fireplace, boiler and water heater. Clear area around AC unit.

Replace Batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year.

Power Wash and Reseal Deck

Prevent wood from splitting, graying or cracking.

Slope Landscaping away from the foundation to prevent seepage.

Change Ceiling Fan Direction

Change to counter-clockwise in summer to redistribute cool air in the room.

Examine Brick & Foundation

Cracks may be an entry point for groundwater, insects or radon gas.

Clean Dryer Vent & Exhaust Duct

Lint and dust build-up could cause a house fire.

Change Filters in cooling and heating systems at least twice a year.

Clean Gutters & Downspouts

Clear out debris to help avoid water backing up towards your home.

Clean Faucet Traps

Unscrew the end of the faucet, remove trap, flush out debris and replace to eliminate clogging mineral deposits.

Re-stain Fencing and reinforce or reseal as needed.



Check for Leaks

Re-caulk seals on doors and windows to increase energy efficiency year-round.

Prevent Ice Dams

Luckily, this winter’s record snowfall was followed by a gradual spring thaw, preventing an epic ice dam situation for many homeowners.

Ice dams occur when the heat escaping from under your roof causes the snow to melt. The melting snow flows under the snow to the edge of the roof where it freezes. Water collects behind the dam, seeps under the shingles and makes its way into the home.

Spring is a good time to go into the attic and make sure the ceiling is air-tight so no warm, moist air can flow from the house into the attic. After sealing air leakage paths, consider increasing the ceiling/roof insulation. Next, install sufficient attic and soffit ventilation to achieve a “cold roof.”

Use caution when working on your roof, especially if you’ll be on a ladder. If needed, contact a professional for help.

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PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Updated & Organized Mud Room & Laundry

The space is part of a cohesive and contemporary main floor remodel.

As part of a larger main level remodel, the laundry/mud room was fully updated with custom features to make the space more functional for an Eden Prairie family of four.

Soft gray cabinetry is a neutral backdrop for polished white quartz, glossy backsplash tile and matte black fixtures. Folding space was added above the washer and dryer.

A bench with hooks and cubbies provides easy-to-access storage and organization. A floating shelf is an unexpected detail. The finishes are reflected throughout the kitchen and main level (far right) for a cohesive look.

The **Difference** is in the **Details**™

