

## **MOST RECOMMENDED**

**PANASONIC BATH FAN** – This fan has a built-in humidistat to help control excessive moisture and dry the bathroom out to help control organic growths such as mildew, mold or fungus. It also has a motion sensor to activate it for toilet use and then runs for a short time after. Although some of the stores like Lowe's, Home Depot, and Menards are starting to stock this fan you may have to special order it. There are many models of this fan. Also you can order it off the internet.

**GREAT GUTTER SCREEN** – from Quality Aluminum Products...

These aluminum gutter screens are called "Rain Trap" (stock#: RT-SLOCK) Inexpensive. Easy to install (slips under the shingles and then clips on the front of the gutter). Handles heavy rains very well. Special order these directly from the manufacturer or from Lowe's (best local location to order these), usually takes a week or so (order at the Pro desk).

The last price I heard for these was \$1.90 per ft.

**MOLDEX** or MOLD ARMOR – Mold and Mildew Remover – **It kills the spores.** Used to clean bathrooms, kitchens, etc. where what appears to be mold or mildew is present. They also make a Mold Blocker – Use this after cleaning to prevent the return of mold and mildew stains. Available at Menards, Home Depot, Lowe's

**CONCROBIUM MOLD CONTROL** – **It kills the spores.** A great product containing no bleach, ammonia, or VOC's. Eliminates and prevents mold and mildew and eliminates musty odors. Available at Home Depot, Lowe's, Menards, Ace Hardware, and True Value Hardware.

**LEXEL SEALANT/CAULK** – Comes in clear and white. Interior or Exterior. Great adhesion. Mold and mildew resistant. Paintable. Clear stays clear as glass. May be used where paintable surfaces meet non-paintable (ie. Tile to wall, sink to counter, counter to wall. Available at Ace Hardware stores, some Do It Best, and True Value stores.

**CABOT DECK STAIN**– Australian Timberwood or Gold – One of the best stains you can use on your deck and outdoor wooden structures. Oil base penetrating stain. Available at various local and big box stores. [Find a retailer](#)

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## **Exterior Maintenance and Improvement Products**

**DOOR AND WINDOW PARTS** – [Dorglass, Inc](#) – They have door and window parts for just about every manufacturer. Menards, Lowes, Ace Hardware, and Home Depot have some of the parts but not as many as Dorglass. Things like window cranks, weather stripping, screen door and window parts. Otherwise, get on the internet and find the manufacturer that you have and do some research.

**PLUMBING PARTS**– First try the big home improvement stores then if you don't have any luck, try [Park Supply](#) (Mpls). 2727 East 26th St. Minneapolis, MN 55406 Phone: 612.822.3180. They have just about everything you need for plumbing parts and repairs.

**ALLIED BUILDING PRODUCTS / UNITED PRODUCTS/ALLIED** – Building material company. Siding, fascia, door, windows, shingles, decking, skylights, and fencing. Many locations. Very competitive pricing.

**Asphalt (in a bag)** – Use to repair asphalt walkways and driveways. Clean the area first with the hose sprayer. Let dry then pour it out on a hot day put a board over it and tamp down with a hammer or your feet. Available at Menards (about \$10)

**Gutter parts and extensions** – Comes in 10 ft. sections. Plastic or aluminum. Available at Menards, Home Depot, Lowe's, and some hardware stores.

**Parging and masonry wall repair** – "[QuikWall](#)" is a product made by Quikrete. Professionals say the product is great for masonry wall and parging repair. Check with your local supplier such as Home Depot, Lowe's, Menards, and most home building material suppliers.

[Glass Block Window Fans](#) – These fans are made for glass block windows. If you need ventilation in a basement or bathroom with glass block windows this is one option. I don't think they are available locally but they do sent them out.

[United Products](#) – Building material company. Siding, fascia, door, windows, shingles, decking, skylights, and fencing. Many locations. Very competitive pricing.

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### **Caulk, Sealants, Primers, and Paint**

Follow the manufacturers directions for use. Use these products responsibly. Not responsible for damages resulting from the use or misuse of these products.

[BASF/ SONNEBORN SL1](#) – Concrete Crack and Seam Repair – SL1 is a one-component, non-priming, self-leveling elastomeric polyurethane designed for expansion joints in concrete floors and decks. Use it where flexibility, as well as abrasion and puncture resistance is required. Available at Allied Building Products and Brock/White

Polyurethane Caulk – Regular or self-leveling – Use it to seal concrete seams and gaps. Available at most hardware stores, Home Depot, Lowe's, Menards, etc.

Caulk Saver – Foam rope like material to stuff into cracks and gaps prior to caulking so you don't have to use as much caulk. Home Depot, Lowe's, Menards, most hardware stores

[Hilti Expanding Foam](#) – Use it to fill voids and cracks. Some have used this successfully to support raised walkways. Available only at Home Depot and Hilti stores.

**Vulkem or PL Sealant** – Polyurethane, self-leveling. Used by many professionals to seal seams and cracks in concrete. Follow the directions. Use foam cords to stuff in large or deep cracks so you don't have to use so much sealant. Available at Home Depot, Lowe's, or Menards.

[Lexel Sealant/Caulk](#) – Stays clear as glass and lets the color of the surfaces caulked show through until painted. Mold and mildew resistant when cured. May be used where paintable surfaces meet non-paintable (ie. Tile to wall, sink to counter, counter to wall. Interior/Exterior. Available at all Ace Hardware stores, some Do It Best and True Value stores.

[Big Stretch® Sealant](#)– Big Stretch acrylic latex caulk doesn't crack—it just stretches—up to 500%! Use it to caulk around doors, windows and siding. Big Stretch easily handles the movement all homes experience due to changes in temperature and humidity, wind, and season.

[Cabot Deck Stain](#)– Australian Timberwood or Gold – One of the best stains you can use on your deck and outdoor wooden structures. Available at various local and big box stores. [Find a retailer](#)

[Cover Stain](#) (a Zinzer product) – An oil-based primer that blocks stains, is sandable (to smooth rough walls), gives extra moisture protection (bathrooms, kitchens, exterior), interior/exterior, and dries in an hour. Available at most big box stores.

[SPAR Varnish](#)(Cabot) – Great varnish and water protection for interior (and exterior) wood windows and under counter tops. Available at Lowe’s, Fleetfarm, and Do-It-Best Hardware stores. Man-o-War is another good brand.

Zar Wood Stains – The best and easiest to use. Available at most professional paint stores. [Find a retailer](#)

[DC333](#) – Fire retardant primer. Fire and mold protection in one application. Use where extra fire protection is desired. Follow manufacturer’s directions for application and use. They also make a fire resistant spray for fabric. Available at Menards.

[Goodbye Cracks](#) – Elastomeric spray which you spray over crack repairs before you paint and this product will flex and bend instead of crack. Follow directions! Available at Menards

**Bondo** – Use to repair rot on windows, doors, trim, etc. Available at auto repair stores and department stores. It dries quick so understand how to use it before you start. [How to work with Bondo](#)

[RadonSeal – Penetrating Concrete Sealer/Water Proofer](#) – It penetrates deep inside concrete (up to 4”), chemically reacts with lime and alkalis, expands into the microscopic pores of the masonry and hardens as a mineral. This product seals concrete internally against water, water vapor, and even radon gas, combining concrete waterproofing, damp-proofing, concrete preservation, and radon mitigation in one product. Must be applied to bare concrete. [Radon Seal](#) – 5 gal – [Radon Seal video](#)

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## **Cleaners, Maintenance Products**

**The Works** – Cleans, removes rust, mildew, calcium, lime, and soap scum. Use before sealing tile grout or any time you clean bathtub or shower. Available at Cub, Walmart, and Rainbow

**Super Clean** – Best cleaner I have ever found. It is also a degreaser. Takes “set in” stains out of clothing. Comes in spray bottle or gallon jug. Very inexpensive. Available at Walmart, and many automotive stores.

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**Draino Gel** (Yellow Bottle) – This drain cleaner is great for slow or clogged drains. It dissolves soap scum and hair. Follow directions. Available everywhere.

[Perma Wash](#) – Disinfectant, Fungicide, Virucide, Bactericide, Mildewcide, and Mildewstat. EPA REGISTERED for mold & mildew control in Hospitals, Institutions and Homes. Available at Menards

[Urine Off](#) – I am told this really works for removing pet urine smell...even cat urine.

[Hydrogen Peroxide or White Vinegar](#) – Use this to try to remove or lighten dark old pet stains on hardwood floors.

[Invisible Glass](#) – Great glass cleaner! Available at Walmart, Kmart, and Auto Stores

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### **Removing Cigarette Smoke and Other Odors**

[Solution 1](#) – Method

[Solution 2](#) – Spray on Product

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### **MISC**

[AP Wagner Appliance Parts](#) – Appliance parts for virtually all appliances sent right to your door.

**FURNACE FILTERS** – [ACE Supply Co. Inc.\(locations\)](#)- Minnesota's #1 Wholesale Distributor; Commercial and Residential Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation Products and Accessories. Real extensive supply of furnace filters. They carry these fiber filters.

[Sporicidin](#) – A registered disinfectant for mold and mildew remediation. Available at many janitorial supply stores.

[Wet and Forget](#)– Cleaner for removing the dark or black streaks on roofing material. [Where to buy.](#)

[Never Wet](#) – Rust-Oleum® NeverWet is a two-step product system designed to create a moisture repelling barrier on a variety of surfaces. It is suitable for use on metal, wood, aluminum, galvanized metal, PVC, concrete, masonry, asphalt, vinyl siding, fiberglass, canvas, most plastics and more. Available at Home Depot