

CREATING A SMART HOME? CONSIDER THIS...

Today's home technologies are powerful and flexible making it possible to transform any home into a Smart Home with more options for making life more enjoyable, comfortable, easier and secure.

Imagine controlling of every aspect of your home—from anywhere at any time. Having control of your lighting, security systems, temperature management, entertainment—making them all work better by working together—all under your authority at the touch of a button.

These technologies are complex and require a residential systems integrator to tie each system into one network.

Complexity of the Technology

Don't underestimate the complexity of today's powerful technologies. Even a simple flat panel TV installation requires planning ahead.

Think About the Possibilities

- **Multi-Room Audio:** A well-designed high performance multi-room audio system fills your home with crisp, clean sound.
- **Media Room/Theater:** A media room in your family room is also a great choice.
- **Gaming:** Incorporate the latest in sound, video and furniture to create the ultimate gaming experience.
- **High Definition TV:** A must for every home.
- **Lighting Control:** Smart lighting control enhances home aesthetics, adds convenience, security, and is great for energy management.
- **Safety and Security:** A monitored safety and security system brings peace of mind.
- **Energy Management:** The multiple smart components of your home are tied together to ensure the least amount of energy is expended.

Lifestyle Assessment

Think about how the technology will meet your needs, not how you should meet the needs of the technology. Consider a single home controller responsible for tying all of the complex systems and technologies together. This investment saves you time and expense.

Plan Ahead

Develop a comprehensive technology plan that includes what technology you want for today as well as for the future. Plan your technology infrastructure and scope every location

where you might have a phone, computer, media server, TV, or future intelligent device.

Budget

Smart Home technology may cost from \$10 - \$50 or more per square foot. This is important to keep in mind when planning your overall remodeling budget.

Technology is Converging

Computers are converging with entertainment. When planning a Smart Home, consider how digital content is moving off the computer and on to other appliances such as your TV or stereo. A flat panel TV may be used as a display for your computer to monitor your child's computer use or to show off those great digital photos.

THE EMERGING TRADE:

Residential Systems Integrator

Just because your electrician or contractor can put in phone lines or wire your home that does not mean that he is skilled in designing and installing your Smart Home. For Smart Home expertise, rely on a Residential Systems Integrator that is licensed and skilled at designing and installing technology.

When selecting a Residential Systems Integrator, look for a company with:

- Experts with engineering degrees and licensed contractors
- Design/build specialists
- A comprehensive understanding of digital technology—not just stereos
- An obsession/dedication to customer service
- Planning and project management expertise

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