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### Kitchen Organizing Done Wisely

Most new kitchen buyers want more storage space and organization in their kitchen. The trick to organizing isn't in the simple process of having the space, but in using the space you have *wisely*. Optimal use of storage space in the kitchen begins with full extension of your drawers. Older style drawers pull out leaving about 4-6 inches hidden inside the cabinet. If you pull any further, the drawer would fall out!



Newer drawer designs have full extension runners allowing the drawer to pull out to its full extension, allowing you to access every inch of the drawer.



Don't worry about how strong these drawers can be. Depending on the size, these drawers have weight capacities exceeding 100 pounds! Accessing pots, pans & dishes is so much easier now.



Full extension runners are excellent for pantry shelves. No more digging to find what is hidden in the far back areas of your cabinets!

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The new innovative under-the-sink drawer maximizes wasted space fashionably. This design provides an easy access storage area for cleaning and sanitizing supplies that normally clutter cabinet space.

provides a convenient method to store them all away when finished.



Not enough drawer space?? The newly designed double tiered cutlery drawer was developed for the kitchen with minimal storage space. Two drawers are provided in the space of only one!



Small containers, such as spices, tend to get mixed up in a hurry. Drawers designed specifically for spices make organization a cinch.

The practical handles of the spice tray allows you to remove the spices on to the countertop and



Let's not forget the dreaded "junk drawer." Dual level organizing inserts are quick solutions to stop

the clutter instantly. Each piece is removable for easy access.



The area in your kitchen where trash is stored is one of the most important areas because it gets extensive use every day. Making it easy to access is important. Four disposal bins in 1 pullout drawer helps to organize trash, glass, paper and plastics with ease – all within one location.



Enjoy the recently designed corner drawers for complete utilization of all that wasted space under your counter. This design provides 40% additional use of space compared to the traditional under the counter "lazy susan" turn table. For more innovative ideas to organize your kitchen, contact Handiworks Remodeling.

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## Community Corner

# Foliage Furniture Plans Local Home Tour – Benefits Go To Charities

Communities working together are one of the greatest attributes of the Chula Vista and Bonita areas. It is such a pleasure to see families and businesses joining together to help each other, despite the economic conditions that surround us.



Owners, Michael & Michelle Larson, of Foliage Furniture & Interiors in Chula Vista, California have creatively planned a charity event to help the community become aware of the latest home design trends and to help raise money for 2 charities.

Michael & Michelle created “The Real Homes of The South Bay” home tour which consists of 4 local houses in Bonita, Eastlake and Otay Ranch areas. These selected 4 homes recently had various design and remodeling work done by local businesses such as Foliage Furniture & Interiors, Handiworks Remodeling, Scotblinds (Window Coverings), Serenity Gardens, and many more.

“The concept is to come and see what the local neighbors have done to



beautify their homes and make them more functional,” explained Michelle. “These aren’t model homes. These are actual homes with real families living in them.” Innovative products and breathtaking designs will be made available to view for those who purchase tickets.

Helping the neighborhood and local reputable businesses team together to assist the public is only a fraction of what Michael and Michelle put together with this event. Their attention was also directed to the community in need. Proceeds from the event will benefit Homes of Hope (building houses in Mexico) and Send Me (helping families in the South bay with housing, furniture, and life makeovers).



Foliage Furniture & Interiors, 851 Showroom Place, Chula Vista, CA 91914 Phone: (619)397-4854 Web: [www.foliagefurniture.com](http://www.foliagefurniture.com)

The event will take place on May 23, 2010 from 12 pm – 5 pm with all 4 homes open to ticket holders for viewing. Reception to follow from 5 to 7 pm at the Foliage Furniture showroom. Over \$1,500 in prizes will be given away.

Tickets are \$15 if purchased before May 1, otherwise ticket cost is \$20. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Handiworks, or you can obtain them at the Foliage Furniture & Interiors show room. Come see the latest design trends, meet local home improvement businesses, win prizes and help two charities!

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## Ask The Expert

# What's This Stuff Growing On My House?

Around this time of year, right after the rains have saturated the city, many homeowners ask the question, "What's all this white stuff growing on my house!?" Some worry it's a fungus, mold, or any number of guesses.



The reality is that it is nothing more than a crystalline deposit of water-soluble salts known as efflorescence. It appears like white fuzz or chalky residue on masonry. For efflorescence to occur, a number of conditions are necessary; there must be 1.) a source of water into the masonry, 2.) soluble salts within the masonry, and 3.) a path for the water to get to the surface of the masonry and evaporate.



On brick or concrete it is not harmful, but it is very ugly to the eye and a nuisance to remove. Efflorescence on improperly painted stucco, however, can be a problem. If stucco is improperly painted, moisture can make its way under the layer of paint and into the stucco.

The residue of water becomes trapped under the paint layer. Salt crystals form under the paint and force the paint to eventually peel and weaken the integrity of the stucco.



In time, the stucco will crack, causing further water exposure and serious damage to the wall. Repairs would be necessary at this point and can become costly depending on the amount of the damage done.

A common place to find this type of

damage is anywhere around your stucco walls where water sources such as garden sprinklers are located.

The key to prevent this is to look around the exterior of your house after each rain. If you find efflorescence in brick or cement areas, you can take a stiff broom and brush it off. Avoid using water as the crystalization process can occur again.

If you find efflorescence or signs of damage in your stucco, you will want to call an expert to evaluate the situation. In the meantime, make sure to direct all garden sprinkler heads away from the house. Better yet, switch over to drip systems to eliminate the excess water from contacting the walls of your home. For additional information or other help tips, call Handiworks at 619-434-4003 or send an email to [handiworks@cox.net](mailto:handiworks@cox.net).

## Home Safety

# The "Water Stopper"

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