

9 Unexpected Tasks a Professional Handyman Can Tackle

With various projects you might have going on around the house, it may be faster to hire a handyman rather than spending hours on the weekends doing them yourself. A handyman is a jack of all trades when it comes to home repairs and maintenance around your home, usually for less money than a specialist.

But what exactly can a handyman do around your house? Well aside from the typical repair jobs such as painting, cleaning gutters, or deck repair – a handyman can also handle a wide variety of other, more unconventional tasks. To learn more about the different projects handymen can tackle, we reached out to experts across the country, from [Norwalk, CT](#) to [Austin, TX](#). You might be surprised to learn some of the things a professional handyman can do. Here's what they had to say.

1. Secure crawl spaces from animals being trapped

Numerous times customers have called us saying that they hear a noise from the crawl space, and when we went inside we found baby cats. We carefully helped them get out and then we secured the space with a door, so no animals could get inside. – [Nail It Handyman](#)

2. Transform an old door into an efficient and energy-saving door

Adding a wood door stop with foam weather-stripping and a rubber bottom strip to an older exterior door can turn it into an efficient, energy-saving exterior door for very little cost. – [Carpentry & Handyman Concepts](#)

3. Address wood rot

An issue that many homeowners often overlook is wood rot on the exterior of homes – trim and siding in particular. Most assume it is simply an aesthetic issue, but leaving items like this unaddressed can actually lead to much larger issues down the road. Wood rot can eventually spread to other areas, compromising the integrity of the home as a whole, and in effect making it a more expensive repair. Handymen like ourselves perform tasks like this on a regular basis and we always recommend that homeowners address wood rot as soon as possible while it is centrally located, rather than wait for widespread issues. – [GARSC](#)

4. Create one-of-a-kind bed frames

Once, we created a floating bed frame made of a 200-year-old Douglas fir. The wood was reclaimed from a remodel of the home we live in currently. We used the studs and the lath from inside the walls to support the mattress. It provides an incredibly sturdy, stable sleeping surface with giving the appearance of a floating bed. – [Revival Construction](#)

5. Add a new kitchen island or reposition your existing island

Homeowners can increase the value of their house by removing a wall and opening up their kitchen for better flow and better light. We can usually match the existing color of your cabinets with new cabinets on the island and upgrade or match the existing countertops. – [Affordable Remodeling](#)

6. Install a grab bar

A [handyman](#) can easily install a grab bar with anchors and supports in any area of the home including bathrooms and hallways. Grab bars or handrails can help prevent falls in transition places of the home like a step area or secure holding place on slippery wet floors of the bathroom. – [Handy Pro](#)

7. Cabinet base flooring updates

When was the last time you updated your cabinets? A professional handyman can come in and update your cabinet “flooring” to something easier to clean and even ties into the aesthetic. Imagine decorative vinyl tiles that are a wipe-down away from staying clean forever. – [Signature Home Services](#)

8. Add life expectancy and increase water heater efficiency

A professional handyman can flush built-up sediment out of your water heater that decreases its heating efficiency and reduces its life expectancy. Enjoy cleaner hot water, lower water heating bills, and increase the life expectancy of your water heater with this simple maintenance task. – [Home & Garden Makeover](#)

9. Various landscaping jobs such as lawn repairs

This can include sodding, seeding, flower planting, yard cleaning, tree trimming, and more. – [New Era Remodeling & Repairs](#)

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